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Said to be the only Presbytery whose minutes contain no reference to the devastating Psalmody controversy

The Centennial volume of 1st Church, Pittsburgh is illustrative of the statement that documentational deliverances were very early, says that Presbytery appt a "Com in Selections" in 1785 and approved it in 1787.

What does that mean?

There is no such action in these minutes under either date

The reference evidently was to the Synod of Ky & Phila

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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U. S. A.

From the Organization of Presbytery, September 19, 1781, *to December*, 1831.

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PREFACE.

THE Presbytery of Redstone was erected by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. The *entire minute* on the subject is as follows: "At a meeting of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia held at Philadelphia ye 16th of May, 1781,

The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power & Thaddeus Dodd having requested to be erected into a separate P.b.y, to be known by the name of the P.b.y, of Redstone: the Synod grant their request, and appoint their first meeting to be held at Laurel Hill Church the third Wednesday of September next at 11 o'clock A. M."

It will be observed that no geographical limits were assigned, nor any particular Churches designated. Laurel Hill Church is in Fayette Co., Pa., (then, 1781, Westmoreland Co.), and still retains its name and organization.

This Presbytery was the first one formed west of the Allegheny Mountains, and exercised Jurisdiction throughout Western Penna. and outlying early settlements; and was one of the Pioneers of Protestant Christianity in that region. Many of its Churches have celebrated their Centennial.

The Synod of Pittsburg appreciating the great historical value of the early records of the Presbytery, and the importance of their preservation, at its meeting in 1877, appointed the undersigned a Committee to publish the same, provided the necessary funds could be secured. The requisite amount having been pledged, an edition of 300 copies is now issued, embracing the Minutes entire from the organization up to the close of 1831.

Great care has been taken to ensure a verbatim and literatim copy of the original.

S. S. GILSON,
JOHN M. BARNETT,
JOHN K. EWING,
Committee of Synod.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE.

RECORDS FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PRESBYTERY, SEPTEMBER 19th. 1781, TO DECEMBER, 1831.

AT a meeting of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, held at Philadelphia, ye 16th of May, 1781.

The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power. & Thaddeus Dodd, having requested to be erected into a separate P.b.y. to be known by the name of the P.b.y. of Redstone, the Synod grant their request, and appoint their first meeting to be held at Laurel Hill Church, the third wednesday of Septembr next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, *Septembr ye 19th*, 1781.

The P.b.y. met according to the appointment of the Revd. Synod of New York and Philadelphia, at Pidgeon Creek, as the circum stances of some of the members, by reason of the incursions of the savages, rendered it impracticable for them to attend at Laurel Hill. U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. John McMillan, James Power, and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, John Neil, Demas Lindley, and Patrick Scott. Absent. The Revd. Joseph Smith.

The P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Dodd, with a sermon from Job xlii. 5, 6.

The P.b.y. then proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, whereupon Mr. McMillan was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Power Clerk for the ensuing year.

Application was made in behalf of Muddy Creek and the S. fork of Ten Mile, in conjunction for supplies, and also for liberty to apply to the P.b.y. of Donegal. Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY, *Septembr ye 20th.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Neel.

Ordered that the minutes of the last session be now read. The appointment of supplies deferred till our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Mount Pleasant, the 1st Wednesday of Novembr, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

MOUNT PLEASANT, WEDNESDAY, *ye 7th of November*, 1781.

A sufficient number of members not attending to form a P.b.y. those who did meet agreed to appoint a meeting at Seweekly, on the 2 tuesday of April next.

SEWEEKLY, TUESDAY, *ye 9th of April*, 1782.

A sufficient number of members not attending, by reason of the incursions of the savages, to form a P.b.y. those who did meet agreed to appoint a meeting at Delap's Creek, the 3d tuesday of Octobr.

DELAP'S CREEK, *October the 15th*, 1782.

The P.b.y. met according to appointment, U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, and James Power. Elders, James Edger, John McDowel, and Moses Latta. Absent.—The Revd. Thaddeus Dodd.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon from Proverbs 8. 4. by Mr. Smith.

The P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Power was chosen Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y. be now read.

Mr. Smith's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

The Revd. James Dunlap, formerly a member of the New Castle P.b.y. having accepted a Call in our bounds, now applies to be admitted as a member of this P.b.y. and, upon producing sufficient testimonials and a dismission from that P.b.y. is accordingly received, and takes his seat as a member of this. His Elder is Robert Adams.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *ye 16th.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered that the minutes of the last session be now read.

A supplication for supplies from Tyrone congregation was brought in and read.

An application was made in behalf of Muddy Creek for supplies.

The P.b.y. proceeded to make out supplies:

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at the meeting house in the Forks, the 3d Sab. of November; two other days at discretion, both as to time and place.

Mr. Power appointed to supply at Tyrone, the 2d Sab. of Decembr; at Muddy Creek one day at discretion; at Col. Cook's, the 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. Dunlap appointed to supply at Muddy Creek, the 2d Sab. of Novembr; at George's Creek, the 3d Sab. of Decembr; at Tyrone, the 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at the Ohio Court-house, the 3d Sab. of November; at the forks' meeting house, the 4th Sab. of Decembr; at Muddy Creek, ye 1st Sab. of March.

Upon motion being made, the P.b.y. unanimously agreed that they would in no case whatever marry any person by Licence, but would adhere to the rules laid down in the Westminster directory.

Application being made by the united congregations of the forks of Youghegeny for liberty to present a Call to the Revd. James Finley, a member of the P.b.y. of New Castle, the P.b.y. grant their request, and order the Clerk to furnish them with a coppy of this minute.

John Matson appeared before P.b.y. and exhibited the following charges against the Revd. James Dunlap.

1. That Mr. Dunlap charged him with coming to his house to take the advantage of and wrangle with him.

2. That Mr. Dunlap accused him with unchristian conduct towards him.

3. That Mr. Dunlap denied him ordination as a ruling elder; and,

4. For not letting the reasons why he did so be known to the congregation.

Mr. Dunlap acknowledges that he did say that Mr. Matson did treat him in an unchristian manner, and gives, as the reason why he did say so, that though he had made some concessions, and acknowledged that he had been too rash with respect to the baptizing of a certain Audley Rea's child, with which Mr. Matson declared himself satisfied; yet he still continued to mention that piece of inadvertence to others in such a manner as had a tendency to hurt his character as a Gospel minister. In support of which Mr. Dunlap produces the following witnesses.

Caleb Wingate, being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, says that Mr. Matson told him that Mr. Norris informed Mr. Dunlap of

Audley Rea's drinking and swearing previous to his baptizing his child, and that he spoke in such a manner as showed him to be still dissatisfied, after acknowledgements made, with which he professed himself satisfied; and expressed himself in such a manner as had a tendency to hurt Mr. Dunlap's usefulness as a Minister of the Gospel.

Isaac Sterret being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, says that at a Raising at Mr. Tate's, Mr. Matson said that Mr. Dunlap baptized Audley Rea's child, & would not baptize others in the like circumstances. He said also that Mr. Dunlap had confessed his fault, and afterwards denied it; that Mr. Norris had informed him of Audley Rea's character; that Mr. Norris made it appear at another time that he had informed him, and that Mr. Dunlap had nothing to say in his own defence.

Mr. Matson acknowledges that he told Mr. Wingate and Mr. Sterret these things which they have declared, and gives this as his reason for so doing, viz:

That he heard Mr. Dunlap saying that he looked upon it that he had done no wrong in baptizing Audley Rea's child after he had made the forementioned concessions.

The P.b.y. after fully hearing both parties, with respect to the first charge, do judge that Mr. Dunlap had sufficient ground for saying what he did; inasmuch as John Matson, coming to Mr. Dunlap's in company with some others, joined with them in wrangling with, and treating him in a very unbecoming and disorderly manner.

With respect to the second charge the P.b.y. judge that Mr. Dunlap was treated in an unchristian manner by John Matson; and at the same time could have wished that Mr. Dunlap had been more cautious in the admission of Audley Rea.

With respect to the two last charges the P.b.y. judge that Mr. Dunlap had sufficient reason for not ordaining Mr. Matson; inasmuch as it has been made appear before them that objections were laid in against him by a member of the congregation; and that he was justifiable in not publishing the reasons to the congregation.

Upon the whole, the P.b.y. can not but highly disapprove of Mr. Matson's conduct, especially at Mr. Dunlap's house, and do judge that he submit to an admonition from the Moderator.

To this judgement the parties submitted, and John Matson was accordingly admonished by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon Creek the 2d tuesday of March next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON CREEK, TUESDAY, *ye 11th of March*, 1783.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S., the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, Thaddeus Dodd, and James Dunlap. Elders, George Marquis, Patrick McCullouch, Demas Lindly, and John Allen.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon from John 3. 3, by Mr. Dunlap.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *ye 12th.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S. The Revd. James Finley, a member of the P.b.y. of New-Castle, being present and invited, sits as a corrispondent.

Ordered that the minutes of the last session be now read.

The Revd. John Clark, formerly a member of the New-Castle P.b.y. now makes application to be admitted as a member of this. Upon his producing sufficient testimonials, and a dismission from that P.b.y. is accordingly received, and takes his seat as a member of this. Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read.

Mr. Dodd's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

The P.b.y. find that the members have punctually fulfilled their appointments, except Mr. Dunlap in one instance, whose reasons for that omission are sustained. Upon motion,

Resolved, That Magistrates belonging to our community marrying any person in a way contrary to the prescriptions of the law respecting marriage; and all persons belonging to us obtaining marriage, either by magistrates or ministers contrary to the law, shall be esteemed censurable by this Church.

Ordered that this, and the minute of the last meeting of P.b.y. respecting marriage, be read by the members in their congregations, and in the vacancies under our care.

Mr. Power appointed to supply three Sab. at discretion, both as to time and place.

Mr. Dunlap appointed to supply at Muddy Creek two Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dodd appointed to supply at the S. fork of Ten Mile two Sabbaths at discretion.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply two Sab. at discretion, both as to time and place.

As the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, taking into consideration the evil consequences of congregations suffering arrearages to be

long unsettled between them and their ministers, did enjoin it upon them to produce a new settlement every year to their respective Presbyteries; therefore, in obedience to this act of Synod, this P.b.y. does require their several members, with their respective congregations, to produce such settlements to us at our next meeting: and that the congregations be prepared to answer such questions as may be put to them respecting the diligence and care of their Pastors.

Adjourned to meet at Mount Pleasant, the 3d tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

MOUNT PLEASANT, TUESDAY, *ye 21st of October*, 1783.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S., the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, & James Dunlap. Elders, John Johnstone, William McComb, William Latta, and Robert Adams. Absent.—The Revd. Messrs. John Clark and Thaddeus Dodd.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon on Isa. 63. 1, by Mr. Smith.

The P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Smith was chosen Moderator and Mr. Dunlap Clerk.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y. deferred till to-morrow morning.

A supplication for supplies from Unity congregation, also for liberty to apply to Donegal P.b.y. for supplies was brought in and read.

Applications for supplies were made in behalf of Muddy Creek, and ye S. fork of Ten mile.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *ye 22d.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered that the minutes of the last session be now read. The P.b.y. proceeded to make out supplies.

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at Short Creek one Sab. at discretion; the 3d Sab. of March at the S. fork of ten mile; one Sab. at discretion, both as as to time & place.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at the S. fork of ten Mile, the 3d Sab. of Novembr; at Muddy Creek, the 2d Sab. of January; at Unity, the 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Power appointed to supply at Unity one Sab. at discretion; at George's Creek, the 2d Sab. of March; another Sab. at discretion, both as to time and place.

Mr. Dunlap appointed to supply at Unity, ye 4th Sab. of Novembr; at Muddy Creek, the 1st Sab. of March; at George's Creek, the 1st Sab. of January.

Mr. Dodd appointed to supply at the S. fork of ten Mile, the 1st Sab. of Febuary; at Muddy Creek, the 3d Sab. of Decembr.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Unity, the 4th Sab. of March.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y. The P.b.y. find that the members present have fulfilled their appointments, except Mr. Power, whose reasons are sustained.

Mr. Smith, agreeable to the requisition of P.b.y. at their last meeting, produces a settlement with the congregation of Cross-Creek, whereby it appears that there will be due to him from sd congregation, against the 1st of Decembr next. the just and full sum of £113 5s. 3d.

Upon enquiry it is found that settlements have not been made by congregations with their respective Pastors, according to the requirement made at our last meeting, except between Mr. Smith and Cross-Creek: it is therefore enjoined upon them to have such settlements made, and to produce them at our next meeting. Upon enquiry it is found that the congregations are satisfied with the care and diligence of their respective Pastors.

A refference was brought in from the session of Mount Pleasant, respecting a complaint of George Latimore against Deborah Ross, which is as follows:

That Deborah Ross had falsely reported that she left her house sundery times for fear of him.

The P.b.y. after duely considering sd complaint, and hearing all that the parties had to offer, do judge that sd complaint is without any just foundation, inasmuch as it appears that George Latimore stands convicted of immodest behavior toward Deborah Ross, for which he ought to submit to an admonition before the session, and that, for removing the scandal, his compliance be made known to the congregation. To which judgment George Latimore refuses to submit.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY, *ye 23d.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Robert Hall appeared before P.b.y. and exhibited the following complaint against the session of Mount Pleasant congregation, viz:

To the Moderator and remanent members of Redstone P.b.y.

now sitting at Mount Pleasant meeting-house: The complaint and application of Robert Hall humbly sheweth—

That whereas I, your complainant, upon application to the Revd. Mr. Power for a continuation of the common privileges of a regular church-member, have been refused the same; and afterwards to several members of the session, but was still kept back; upon which I made application to the Revd. Moderator and other members of the session in writing, but was still denied, without ever satisfying me with anything that appeared like reason for my being so refused.

I therefore your complainant do now lay the case before your Wisdoms, that you may judge whether I am justly debared from priveleges or not, as I do apprehend. In either said nor did anything that might be a bar in my way in that respect.—Therefore, upon examination into the case your Wisdoms will be able to judge whether I have cause of complaint or not; unto whose judgment I do humbly appeal.

ROBERT HALL.

The P.b.y. after hearing both parties, do judge that though Mr. Hall had ground of uneasiness, inasmuch as he was realy a sufferer; yet Mr. Power was not to be blamed, as it was entirely through the fault of the congregation that he failed in performing his contract: Therefore, tho' the P.b.y. could have wished that Mr. Hall had not expressed himself so rashly in some instances, yete verything considered, we are of opinion that he may be admitted to church privileges without making any particular concessions.

Upon new light being offered, the P.b.y. further judge that Mr. Hall profess his sorrow for his using some expressions reflecting upon Mr. Power's character.

To this judgment Mr. Hall refuses to submit.

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo, the 2d tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

BUFFALO, TUESDAY, *April ye 13th*, 1784.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, James Dinsmore, William Smilie, and Daniel Extell. Absent.—The Revd. Messrs. James Power and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Dodd with a sermon from John 9. 35.

The Stated Clerk being absent, Mr. Dodd was chosen Clerk *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y. are not come.

A supplication for supplies from the congregations of Muddy Creek and the South fork of ten mile was brought in and read.

Applications for supplies from Pittsburgh and from a vacant congregation near Robenson's Run.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *April ye 14th.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y. proceeded to appoint supplies to such places as have made application:

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Robenson's Run the 3d Sab. of July.

Mr. Smith at Robenson's Run the 1st Sab. of May; at Pittsburgh the 4th Sab. of August.

Mr. Dodd at Robenson's Run the 1st Sab. of July; at S. fork of ten mile, ye 2d Sab. of May; at Muddy Creek the 1d Sab. of Septembr.

Mr. McMillan at Muddy Creek ye 1st Sab. of May; at the S. fork of ten mile, the 4th Sab. of August; and one Sab. at discretion.

The P.b.y. proceeded to enquire with regard to the several congregations settlement with their respective Ministers.

Mr. Clark produced accounts whereby it appears that there was due to him, on the 1st of Septembr last, from the easterin division of Peter's Creek congregation, the just and full sum of £40 3s. 9½d; and from the westerin division, on the 1st of October last, £18 14s. 9½d.

Mr. McMillan produced accounts whereby it appears that there was due to him, from Chartier's congregation, of his last year's stipends, on the 1st of Febuary last, the just and full sum of £42 7s. 6d.; and from Pidgeon Creek congregation, £40 17s. 3d. of the last year's stipends, which became due Novembr ye 1st, 1783. The three preceeding years remain unsettled in both congregations.

Mr. Smith produced a settlement between him and the congregation of Buffalo, whereby it appears that there was due to him from sd congregation, on the 1st of Decembr last, the just and full sum of £39 2s. 2d.

Henery Taylor brought in an appeal from the judgment of the session of Chartiers congregation, with respect to his having and encouraging a promiscuous dance at his house.

The P.b.y. after hearing both parties. upon mature deliberation, considering the smallness of the number present and the importance

of the case, defer the descession of it to the next meeting of P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers the 3d tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

CHARTIERS, *Octobr the 19th*, 1784.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S., the Revd. Messrs. John McMillan, James Power, and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, Joseph Coe, and James Bradford. Absent.—The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, and James Dunlap.

The Revd. Mr. James Finley having been regularly dismissed from his former charge, and accepted a call from two societies in the forks of Youghiogeny, with the approbation of this P.b.y. although he has not yet received a dismission from New-Castle P.b.y. yet, being present and invited, sits as a corrispondent.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon on Romans 7. 9, by Mr. Finley.

Mr. Dodd was chosen Moderator, and Mr. McMillan Clerk for the ensuing year.

Supplications for supplies from Pike Run, Horseshoe bottom, and places adjoining, and from Pittsburgh and the Bullock-pens were brought in and read.

Applications were made for supplies from Long run, Brush run, Robenson's run, and Stony Creek Glades.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S. John Perry, Mr. Power's Elder, is now come; his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Power's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

The minutes of our last fall's sessions are now come.

The members present have fulfilled their appointments, except Mr. Dodd and Mr. McMillan, in one instance each, for which their reasons are sustained.

Ordered that Mr. McMillan and his congregations produce a settlement for all past time, at our next spring meeting, and that they no longer defer it; also, that this minute be read to the congregations.

Henery Taylor being necessarily absent, the consideration of his appeal is deferred till our next meeting.

Ordered that the minutes of our last fall sessions be now read.

Mr. Dodd's reasons for being absent from our last fall sessions are sustained.

Mr. Power's reasons for not fulfilling his appointment at George's Creek are sustained.

A supplication from Short Creek and Wheeling for supplies was brought in and read.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at Long Run the 3d Sab. of Novembr; at George's Creek, ye 2d Sab. of Febuary; at Parkenson's Mill, the 4th Sab. of March.

Mr. Power appointed to supply at fort Pitt, ye 5th Sab. of October; at George's Creek, the 1st Sab. of Decembr; at Long Run, the 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Dodd appointed to supply at Short Creek, the 3d Sab. of Novembr; at Muddy Creek, the 1st Sab. of January; at Robenson's Run, the 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Smith at Robenson's Run, the 1st Sab. of Decembr; at Short Creek, the 1st Sab. of March; at Pittsburgh, one day at discretion.

Mr. Clark at Robenson's Run, the 4th Sab. of Novembr; at the Bullock-pens, ye 4th Sab. of March; one day at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. McMillan at Pike-run, the 1st Sab. of Decembr; at Robenson's Run, the 1st Sab. of March; at Jackson's fort, the 1st Sab. of April.

The P.b.y. being informed that one hundered and sixty Bibles, purchased by the Synod for the use of the poor within the bounds of this P.b.y. were brought up by Dr. Ewen, and left at several places. The P.b.y. order that those in Mr. Power's hands, viz: forty-three, be distributed (by) him and Mr. Finley in the best manner they can. That Col. McClane be instructed to send the greater part of those in his hands to Mr. McMillan; and that Mr. Dodd make enquiry concerning those in Col. McCleary's hands.

Adjourned to meet at the upper meeting-house, in the forks, the 4th Tuesday of January next. Concluded with Prayer.

JANUARY *ye 25th*, 1785.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment, at the upper meeting-house, in the forks. U. P. P. S., the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, John McMillan, and James Power. Elders, John Rob, Hugh Martin, and Alexander Mitchel. Absent.—The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, Thaddeus Dodd, and James Dunlap.

The Revd. James Finley, a member of New-Castle P.b.y. being present and invited, sits as a corrispondent.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon from Joh. 5. 40, by Mr.

Clark. The stated Moderator being absent, Mr. Clark was chosen Moderator *pro tempore*.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last sessions of P.b.y.

Mr. Clark's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Henery Taylor is not yet come, and in case he should not come during the present sessions, the Clerk is ordered to inform him of the next meeting of P.b.y. and desire him to attend.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *ye 26th of Jan.*

The P.b.y. met, according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y. understanding that Unity congregation is in considerable arrearages to Mr. Power, and also that they expect shortly to be supplied with a stated Pastor, do therefore order Mr. Finley to write to the session of that congregation and inform them that a settlement with Mr. Power must be produced at our meeting, in order to prevent disagreeable consequences.

Ordered that Mr. Power and his congregations produce a settlement for all past time, at our next spring meeting; and that this order be made known to the Congregations.

Adjourned to meet at the lower meeting-house, in the forks, the 3d tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

TUESDAY, *April ye 19th*, 1785.

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment, at the lower meeting-house, in the forks. U. P. P. S., the Revd. Messrs. John McMillan, James Power, and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, Josiah Scott, John Giffen, William McFarlin. Absent.—The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon from Matt. 9. 12, by Mr. Power.

The reading of the minutes of our last fall and winter's meeting of P.b.y. deferred till to-morrow morning.

The P.b.y. proceeded to take in supplications for supplies.

A supplication for supplies from Donegal congregation was brought in and read.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, *April ye 20th.*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Supplications for supplies from Pitt's Township, and Mill Creek were brought in and read.

Applications were made for supplies from Muddy Creek, the S. fork of ten mile, Pike Run, the horseshoe bottom, Racoon, Manture's rnn, and Short Creek.

Mr. McMillan produces a settlement whereby it appears that the ballance due to him, from the congregation of Chartiers, is £107 16s. 4d., which became due Febuary ye 1st, 1785; and from the congregation of Pidgeon Creek, £91 9s. 3d., which became due Novembr the 1st, 1784.

Mr. Power's reasons for not fulfilling his appointments at fort Pitt and Long-run are sustained. Mr. Dodd's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Power produces settlements between him and his congregations, whereby it appears that the ballance due from the congregation of Mount Pleasant, by the 1st of May next, is £90 15s. 7d.; and from the congregation of Sweekly, by the first of May next, £84 1s. 0.

Upon enquiry, it is found that the congregations are satisfied with the diligence and care of their respective Pastors.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at Long-run, the 4th Sab. of June; at Parkenson's mill, one day at discretion.

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at Short-Creek, ye 4th Sab. of June; at Robenson's run, the 1st Sab. of Septembr: one day at discretion, both as to time and place.

Mr. Power appointed to supply at Donegal, the 2d Sab. of May; one day at discretion, both as to time and place.

Mr. Dodd appointed to supply at the S. fork of ten mile, ye 4th Sab. of August.

Mr. Dunlap at Muddy Creek, ye 1st Sab. of June; at George's Creek, the 4th Sab. of July.

Mr. McMillan at Pike-run, ye 1st Sab. of July; at Brush-run, ye 4th Sab. of August; at Mantures, ye 5th Sab. of July.

Henery Taylor appeared for the prosecution of his appeal, but a sufficient number of members not being present to issue the matter, the consideration thereof is deferred till our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon Creek, the 3d Tuesday of June next. Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON CREEK, TUESDAY, *ye 21st of June*, 1785.

The P.b.y. met, according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap. Elders, James Brice, James Edgar, Patrick McCullouch, Samuel Sorrels, Robert Adams. Absent.—The Rev. Thaddeus Dodd.

The P.b.y. was opened with a sermon on Heb. 12. 24, by Mr. Finley.

The Stated Moderator being absent, Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator *pro tempore.*

The Revd. Mr. James Finley, formerly a member of the New Castle P.b.y. having accepted a Call in our bounds, now applies to be admitted a member of this P.b.y. And upon producing sufficient testimonials, and a dismission from that P.b.y. is accordingly received and takes his seat as a member with us. His Elder is John Gaston.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Clark's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Smith's & Mr. Dunlap's reasons for not attending our three last meetings are sustained.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Racoon the 2d Sab. of July; at Pitt's township ye 2d Sab. of September.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *June ye 22d.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. Q. S. except John Gaston, who had leave of absence.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Henery Taylor being come, the P.b.y. proceeded to hear the reasons of his appeal.

The P.b.y. having heard what each party had to say, and maturely deliberating on the whole, conclude: That altho' Henery Taylor denies that the charge against him was proved, or that ever he had confessed that he had done what he was charged with; and altho' the session, through inadvertency, we suppose, neglected to set down his acknowledgment to Mr. McMillan, which we have now heard, viz: that he, sd Taylor, had directed and assisted the company in going through a reel in dancing, which he supposed they had gone wrong in; yet we think that the evidence of John Riddle, now offered to us by Mr. Taylor, viz: that Mr. Taylor, at the request of the company,

had allowed them an hour to recreate themselves in dancing; together with the testimony of some members of P.b.y. who had heard him acknowledge the same at a former meeting, gives us sufficient reason to conclude that he did give such a relation to Mr. McMillan, and did countenance and approve of promiscuous dancing, which was greatly aggravated in him by the circumstances mentioned in the minutes of the session, and some other things in the congregation; and did carry the appearance of being done in contempt;

Therefore, as promiscuous dancing is condemned by the body of the Godly and Judicious in all ages, as well as by our own standards, and is generally attended with bad effects, we can not think that the Session were too rigorous in their judgment; and, therefore, with them must conclude that Mr. Taylor, in order to admission to church privileges, ought to acknowledge his fault before this P.b.y. or before the Session of the congregation to which he belongs, and be admonished to more circumspection for the future; and that this, his acknowledgment, should be signified to the congregation by Mr. McMillan.

Finally, as Mr. Taylor declares that he did not act in the above affair out of contempt, we think that his declaration ought to be received as candid and true. From this judgment Mr. Taylor reserves a liberty of appealing to Synod, if, upon deliberation, he shall think proper.

If he does appeal, the Clerk is ordered to furnish him with a coppy of the above judgment, upon his producing the reasons of his appeal.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY, *June ye 23d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y finding that many difficulties arise from marriages celebrated by Mr. Hughy and such Persons who have no authority, either civil or ecclisiastic for so doing; do therefore judge that such marriages be discountenanced, and people cautioned against them as unlawful.

The P.b.y taking into serious consideration the unspeakable goodness of God in planting his Church in this, not long since, an howling wilderness, the habitation of savages; in accompanying his ordinances with the almighty influences of his holy spirit; and considering also the great danger we are in of provoking God to with-hold those gracious influences, and that multitudes are still careless and hardening under the means: do therefore think it their incumbant duty to

appoint a day of fasting and prayer to be observed in their respective congregations to implore a more plentiful out-pouring of divine influences upon the Church in general, and upon his infant church in this land in particular; & at the same time to acknowledge with gratitude the many mercies both special and common conferred upon us.

We do therefore appoint the first thursday of Septembr next to be observed for the above purposes.

Adjourned to meet at Peter's creek the 3d tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

PETER'S CREEK TUESDAY *ye 18th of October*, 1785.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, James Finley, John McMillan, James Power and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, George Sheilds, Æneus McCallester, William Smilie, John Hopkins and Jacob Cook. Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Phil. 1. 21. by Mr. McMillan.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Clark was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Finley Clerk.

Mr. Smith is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Ordered that the minutes of the Last Spring's meeting of P.b.y respecting supplies be now read.

The members present have fulfilled their appointments.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read.

Mr. Dodd's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Octobr ye 19th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Supplications for supplies from Mill Creek, George's Creek, the three Ridges, Racoon, King's Creek, and forks of Cheat, were brought in and read.

Applications for supplies were made from Donnegal, Mantures, Long-run, and Short Creek.

The Revd. Mr. James Grier, a member of the 1st P.b.y of Philadelphia being present and invited sits as a corrispondent.

Æneas McCalister and John Hopkins having represented to this

P.b.y that Mr. Barr a member of New-Castle P.b.y, during his preaching in those parts, appeared to neglect the measures ordinarily taken in the admission of persons to baptism, and in the administration of that ordinance, and desired to know whether we did approve of such measures; viz: the omitting the confession of Faith in Baptism, as in the case of one Meek; and baptizing privately when it might be done more publicly as in the case of one Gilkeson, and baptizing for persons without proper enquiry into their moral character, as in the foregoing instances and some others. The P.b.y are fully satisfied that the measures they have observed are just and necessary, and agree that further enquiry be made into the supposed irregular conduct of Mr. Barr.

Mr. Dunlap is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained. His Elder is Charles McClane.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at the three Ridges the last Sab. of Novembr; at George's Creek the 2d Sab. of Febuary; one Sab. at discretion at the head of Tortle Creek.

Mr. Clark at Long-run ye 1st Sab. of Novembr; at Mantures-run ye 2d Sab. of Decembr; at the head of Tortle Creek ye 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Smith at Long-run the last Sab. of Novembr; at Mill Creek ye 1st Sab. of Decembr; another Sab. at discretion.

Mr. McMillan at Racoon the last Sab. of Octobr; at Pike-run ye 2d Sab. of Decembr; at Mill Creek the 4th Sab. of March.

Mr. Power at Donnegal one Sab. in Novembr; one in March at discretion; and one Sab. at John Guttery's on the Beaver Dam at discretion.

Mr. Dodd at King's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Novembr; at the three Ridges ye 3d Sab. of Febuary; at the forks of Wheeling the 2d Sab. of April.

Mr. Dunlap at George's Creek the 3d Sab. of Novembr; at the forks of Cheat the last Sab. of Febuary; at Mantures-run the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Smith, and Mr. McMillan are appointed as a Committe to examine and receive, if their way be clear, and make appointments for such ministers and candidates as may come into our bounds before the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Finley is appointed to preach in Mr. Dunlap's congregation as soon as convenient, and use his best endavours to promote a settlement between him and his people for the relief of Mr. Dunlap in his present difficult circumstances.

Adjourned to meet at Pigeon Creek, the 3d tuesday of December next. Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON CREEK *Decembr ye 20th*, 1785.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John Mc-

Millan, Thaddeus Dodd, and James Dunlap. Elders, Patrick Scott, Joseph Patterson, Stephen Cook, and James Dinsmore. Absent the Revd. Mr. James Power.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Addison a Candidate from Scotland with a sermon from Rom. 5. 10.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

The Comittee appointed to examine and appoint such ministers and Candidates as may come into our bounds is continued.

Mr. Finley fulfilled his appointment at Mr. Dunlap's congregation.

Mr Dunlap produces a settlement with Delap's Creek congregation whereby it appears that there is due to him from that congregation on the 1st of Septembr last the sum of £93 6. 2.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye 21st of Decembr.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Alexander Addison a Licensed Candidate from the P.b.y of Aberlour in Scotland, having produced a copy of his Licensure and a certificate of his good deportment from sd. P. b.y, and having also applied to this P.b.y to be taken under our care; the P.b.y proceeded to make some enquiries at him in order to their having clearness for sd. purpose; but after conversing with him at some length did not obtain the satisfaction desired, and therefore cannot agree to receive him as a Candidate under their care without some limitation: yet as some things appear very agreeable in Mr. Addison, they are not without hopes of obtaining such satisfaction, and therefore permit him to preach in our bounds untill the next meeting of P. b. y.

Application was made from the town of Washington for the stated labours of Mr. Addison untill our next meeting; and also for a member to moderate in drawing up a Call for him.

The P.b.y agree that Mr. Addison's labours be allowed statedly to the town of Washington untill our next meeting; but as the moderating in drawing up a Call does not appear consistent with a minute of Synod on this subject, we cannot at present make the appointment.

Mr. Barr a member of the P.b.y of New-Castle being present informed us that a Call had been drawn up for him by the united congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitts-township under the inspection of Mr. Finley; and yt upon this Call's being presented to him, he declared his acceptance thereof upon condition that this P.b.y approve thereof.

We do approve thereof, provided Mr. Barr becomes a member of this P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet at the upper meeting-house in the forks of Yough the 3d tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

REHOBOTH TUESDAY *April ye 18th*, 1786.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, and James Power.

Elders, Alexander McClure, Edward Cook, Thomas Brecken. Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, Thaddeus Dodd, & James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. McMillan with a sermon on Psal. 71. 16.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y$_r$

Mr. Power's reasons of absence from our last meeting are sustained.

The Comittee for the examination of such ministers or Candidates, as may come into our bounds continued.

Mr. Smith is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained: his Elder is Joseph Patterson.

Supplication for supplies from the forks of Cheat, Georges Creek, Long run & Donegal were brought in and read.

Mr. Clark produced a settlement with Bethel congregation whereby it appears that they have cleared off what was due to him the first of October last.

He also produced a settlement with Lebanon congregation whereby it appears that there was due to him from that congregation the first of Septembr last, and still is due the just and full sum of £114.00.2.

Mr. McMillan produced settlements with his congregations whereby it appears that there remains due to him from Chartiers the sum of £118.11.8 which became due the 1st of Febuary last. And from Pidgeon Creek £88.12.8 which became due the 1st of November last.

Mr. Smith produced a settlement with Buffalo congregation whereby it appears that there was due to him from sd. congregation the first of the present mounth £66.8.8.

Mr. Finley reports that his congregations have paid off what was due to him at the 1st of Novembr 1784.

Application for supplies was made from King's Creek and Mill Creek.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye 19th of April*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Dunlap is now come, his not coming sooner excused. His Elder is Samuel Finley.

John Perry, Mr. Power's Elder is now come.

Ordered that the minutes of the last session be now read.

Mr. Power produced settlements whereby it appears that there will be due to him at the 1st of May next from the congregation of Mount Pleasant the just and full sum of £112.11.7.

And from Sweekly congregation the just and full sum of £ 100.16.11

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with the congregation of Laurel Hill whereby it appears that there is due to him from sd. congregation the sum of £51.12.10.

Upon enquiry it is found that the congregations are satisfied with the diligence and care of their respective Pastors.

A supplication for supplies from Unity was brought in and read.

The P.b.y having formerly urged this congregation to settle with Mr. Power for the time of his labours among them, and as they have given us no notice of their compliance, the P.b.y deem it improper to appoint them supplies untill they give satisfaction with regard to such settlement.

A supplication for supplies from Wheeling was brought in and read.

The members present have fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Finley and Mr. Dunlap in one instance each, for which their reasons are sustained.

Mr Clark is appointed to supply at Long-run ye 1st Sab. of May; at Mantures-run ye 2d Sab. of July; at Potato garden ye 4th Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith at Mill Creek ye 3d Sab. of June; at Short Creek ye 4th Sab. of July; at King's Creek one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dodd at the forks of Wheeling ye 2d Sab. of June; at Georges Creek ye 3d Sab. of August; at the forks of Cheat ye 1st Sab. of Octobr.

Mr. Power at Donegal the 4th Sab. of May; at the heads of Turtle Creek ye 4th Sab. of July; at Donegal one Sab. at discretion.

Messrs Finley and Dunlap each of them one Sab. at discretion.

Upon a new application from the Congregation of the town of Washington the P.b.y agree that Mr. Addison continue to preach at sd. place untill the meeting of Synod.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at Long-run the 4th Sab. of June; a King's Creek ye 1st Sab. of August; at Pike-run one Sab. at discretion.

The P.b.y being sufficiently informed that the congregation of Sweekly have been divided in their sentiments respecting the place of public worship; that one party has determined to build at a place remote from the place first agreed upon, the other determined not to join with them, by which Mr. Power is quite imbarrassed and refers to the P.b.y to judge what his future conduct should be.

The P.b.y after considering the matter resolve that unless sd. con-

gregation do alter their proceedings, Mr. Power cannot continue with them as formerly, and that therefore he call them together, and inform them hereof. The P.b.y do also judge that unless they agree to join together the union between him and them should continue no longer than untill the first of May next; but that he, after that, should be at liberty to accept of an offer from any other quarter.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.. except Mr. Perry who had leave of absence. Mr. John Robertson takes the place of Mr. Perry.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Henery Taylor appeared before the P.b.y and signified that upon due deliberation he was earnestly desirous that the jar between him and the P.b.y respecting a judgment concerning his conduct on a certain occasion be removed, and to live in love and concord with that branch of the Church where he resides, and therefore professes that he is sorry that by his conduct he has given offence to the Church, and that he will conscientiously gaurd against the like conduct for the future, and is willing to submit to an admonition before the P.b.y.

The P.b.y agree to accept of his acknowledgment and promise, and that ye moderator do admonish him accordingly, and that this judgment be read in the congregation a Chartiers.

To this judgment Mr. Taylor submited, and was admonished accordingly.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon-Creek the 3d tuesday of August next. Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON-CREEK, TUESDAY *ye* 15*th of August* 1786.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan and Thaddeus Dodd.

Elders, James Kirkpatrick, Patrick McCullouch, Daniel Extell. John Gaston, and William Smily. Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon from 2 Cor. 11. 9. by Mr. Hugh Morrison a Candidate from the P.b.y of Root in Irland.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read as far as they do not respect supplies.

Mr. Dodd's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Smith reports that his congregation of Cross Creek and he came to a settlement and that he has nothing to demand of them save what became due since the first of December last.

A supplication from Unity and Salem congregations for supplies and liberty to present a Call to Mr. Hugh Morrison Junr. or any other belonging to Donegal P.b.y was brought in and read.

A supplication from Pike-run, horseshoe-bottom, and mingo Creek for a member to preside in drawing up a Call for Mr. Hugh Morrison Junr. was brought in & read.

A supplication from the three Ridges for supplies was brought in and read.

Mr. Power is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Mr. Power reports that he called the Congregation of Sweekly together according to ye order of P.b.y and notified of the judgment of P.b.y. That the Heads of the congregation, after consultation being had, informed him that they determined to continue in Union, and had fixed upon a spot of ground for erecting an house of Worship, and that in the meantime they desired him to preach at the old meeting house; that therefore he yet continued with them as usual.

A supplication for supplies from Muddy Creek was brought in and read.

Mr. Dodd appointed to supply at George's Creek the 4th Sab. of August; at the three Ridges the 2d Sab. of Septembr.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye 16th of August.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y upon deliberation find yt it is not in their power to make any appointments on the Sab. to Unity and Salem congregations, as all the members have already as many appointments as they can fulfill before our fall meeting. Mr. Finley however is appointed to preach at Unity on a week day as soon as convenient, and endavour to have a settlement made between them and Mr. Power.

Their supplication for liberty to present a Call to Mr. Hugh Morrison, the P.b.y conceive cannot be granted, as they are entire strangers to the gentleman, and know not whether ever he was regularly licensed to preach the Gospel, he having never called upon the Commitee, nor shewn his credentials to any member of this P.b.y.

The P.b.y conceive that the supplication of Mingo-Creek, horse-

shoe-bottom, and Pike-run congregations for a member to preside in drawing up a Call for Mr. Hugh Morrison Junr. cannot be granted for the reasons above assigned.

Mr: Hugh Morrison Senr. a Candidate from the P.b.y of Root in Irland applied to be taken under the care of this P.b.y, but the P.b.y did not see their way clear to admit him.

George Latimer applied to P.b.y requesting a rehearing of the affair between him and Deborah Ross.

The P.b.y agree that he have liberty to offer whatever he thinks may be of use to him upon the subject, and if it shall appear that he affords any new light that then they will reconsider the affair.

The P.b.y appoint Messrs. Allexander McClure, Æneas McCallister, James Moor, George Sheilds, John Fulton, and William Beard, Elders, to meet at John Man's near Long-run with Mr. McMillan, who with them is appointed to hear and determine in an affair between a certain John Hamilton and Sarah Reyburn on tuesday come a week, and that a copy of this minute be sent to sd. Sarah who is ordered to attend as well as sd. Hamilton, with what evidence they have.

Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs appeared before the P.b.y and offered themselves to be taken on trials in order to their being licensed to preach the Gospel.

The P.b.y proceeded to converse with them on their experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to them several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take them on trials.

The P.b.y then proceeded to examine them on the Latin and Greek Languages & on Metiphysicks, in all which they obtained satisfaction.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye* 17*th of August.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Finley, Mr. Power and Mr. Gaston, who had leave of absence.

The Stated Clerk being absent, Mr. McMillan is chosen Clerk *pro tempore.*

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs on Logick and moral Philosophy and Mr. Hughs on Mathematicks and natural Philosophy, in all which they obtained satisfaction and sustain them as parts of trial.

The P.b.y appoint Mr. Hughs to prepare an exegesis on this theme,

an sit originale peccatum; and Mr. Brice on this theme, *an mortuorum resurrectio crit,* to be delivered at our next Spring's meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Delap's Creek the 3d tuesday of Octobr next. Concluded with Prayer.

DELAP'S CREEK TUESDAY *ye* 17*th of Octob'r* 1786.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Dunlap and Thaddeus Dodd. Elders, William Wightman, Patrick McCullouch, Daniel Reeder & Demas Lindley. Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith and James Power.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon from Hos. 2. 1, 2, by Mr. Dodd.

The P.b.y then proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator and Mr. Dodd Clerk.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Spring's meeting respecting supplies.

The P.b.y find that the members present have fulfilled their appointments.

Supplications for supplies from upper and lower George's Creek, three Ridges, Sandy Creek, Long-run, forks of Cheat, Mantures-run, Potato garden, King's-Creek, Mill-Creek, Fairfield and Donegal were brought in and read.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read.

Mr. Dunlap's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Finley reports that he fulfilled his appointment at Unity, and that a plan was fallen upon for their settlement with Mr. Power.

The affair of George Latimer is deferred, he not being present.

The Committee appointed to meet at Long-run met and came to a judgment on the affair committed to them, and it appears that John Hamilton made an appeal, but is not present to prosecute it.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Octobr ye* 18*th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Power is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained. His Elder is William Latta. Mr. Power fulfilled his appointments excepting one, for which omission his reasons are sustained.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Mantures-run ye 1st Sab. of Novembr; at Mingo Creek ye 1st Sab. of Decembr; at Long-run the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Finley to supply at Unity ye 1st Sab. of Decembr; at Long-run ye 1st Sab. of Jan.; at George's Creek ye 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. McMillan to supply at Potato garden ye 2d Sab. of Novembr; at Mantures-run the 2d Sab. of Decembr; at Pike-run ye 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. Power to supply at Donegal ye 2d Sab. of Novembr; at Poak-run ye 2d Sab. of Jany.; and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dunlap to supply at the forks of Cheat ye 3d Sab. of Decembr; at the three Ridges the 3d Sab. of Novembr; at Sandy Creek the 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. Dodd to supply at Muddy-Creek ye 2d Sab. of Decembr; at Horse-shoe-bottom the 2d Sab. of January; at Short Creek the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Smith to supply at Mill-Creek the 3d Sab. in Novembr; at Kings-Creek the 3d Sab. of March; at the three Ridges one Sab. at discretion.

The P.b.y being informed that Mr. Hugh Morrison Senr. has misrepresented the conduct of this P.b.y relative to him; Mr. Clark and Mr. McMillan are appointed, when they preach at Mantures-run and Potato garden, to set that matter in a proper point of light, and warn the people against encouraging him.

George Latimer is now come, and it appearing that some new light may be obtained respecting his affair, the P.b.y agree to hear and determine the same at their next meeting.

Ordered that Mr. Power give seasonable notice to Deborah Ross of the place and time of our next meeting.

A reference from the session of Delap's Creek respecting a certain Armstrong Porter was brought in, and the minutes of the session relative thereunto were read, by which it appears that sd. Armstrong Porter has been guilty of prophane swearing, the evidence of which he does not deny; and also that he absents himself from public worship, which he acknowledges, but his reasons do not appear sufficient. Upon the whole the P.b.y judge that the sd. A. Porter submit to a rebuke from the Moderator of the session, and promise reformation and a more circumspect walk in future, and that a copy of this minute be read to the congregation, upon which he may be admitted to privileges, in case the session have nothing further against him.

Mr. Porter does not see fit to submit to the foresaid judgment.

Adjourned to meet at Seweekley the 1st tuesday of Decembr next. Concluded with Prayer.

The meeting according to adjournment being prevented by the extremity of the season, the members who did attend appointed to meet at the stated time at Round-Hill.

ROUND-HILL TUESDAY *ye* 17*th of April* 1787.

The P.b.y met according to appointment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap and Thaddeus Dod. Elders, John Thompson, Alexander McClure, James Edger, Patrick Scott, John Allen and Demas Lindsly.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Wait Cornwall, a licensed Candidate from an Association in Connecticut with a sermon from Matt. 10. 32, 33.

The Revd. Mr. Samuel Barr formerly a member of New-Castle P.b.y. having accepted a Call within our bounds now applies to be admitted a member of this P.b.y, and upon his producing sufficient testimonials and a dismission from that P.b.y is according received, and takes his seat as a member with us. His Elder is James Milligan.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Long-run, Buffalo & Short Creek, the Forks of Cheat, three Ridges, King's Creek, Fairfield Donegal, Mingo Creek, Blacklick, Mantures-run and Unity: also from Mill-Creek requesting the administration of the Lord's supper, and from Seweekly requesting a 4th part of Mr. Power's time.

Mr. Cornwall having intimated his willingness to tarry some time in these parts, and under the direction of this P.b.y. Presby. being fully satisfied of his being regularly licensed, and of his good moral character from his testimonials, take him under their direction.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye* 18*th of April.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Dod appointed to supply at King's Creek the 1st Sab. of June; at Buffalo the 1st Sab. of August; at three Ridges the 1st Sab. of October.

Mr. Clark to supply at Long run ye 1st Sab. in June; at Mantures-run the 3d Sab. of July; at Mill Creek the 2d Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith to supply at Long-run the 4th Sab. of April; at Short-Creek the 2d Sab. of July; at Mill-Creek the 3d Sab. of August.

Mr. Cornwell to supply at Mingo-Creek the 4th Sab. of April; at Long-run the 1st Sab. of May, at Poke-run the 2d Sab. of May; at fairfield ye 3d Sab. of May.

Mr. Dunlap to supply at Cheat one Sab. at discretion.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Smith's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Finley having made application in behalf of Unity congregation for supplies, Mr. Barr is appointed to acquaint by writing that the P.b.y are surprized that the settlement with Mr. Power is deferred so long, and that they cannot consistently expect any supplies untill such settlement is made.

The P.b.y find that the members have fulfilled their appointments, except in a few instances, for which their reasons are sustained.

John Fulton, Mr. Power's Elder is now come.

The supplication from the south part of Seweekley congregation being taken under consideration, it is thought proper that the Revd. Mr. Clark, Messrs. Alexander Mitchell and Alexander McClure be appointed to attend at the usual place of meeting in Seweekley congregation, on the 1st tuesday of June next, in order to take the minds of the people in both parts of the congregation respecting their continuing as a united body. And if they do not agree to remain united, to see yt. a fair settlement be made with Mr. Power in order to prepare the way for a dismission at our next meeting: and that both parties be notified to attend at our next meeting by their Representatives duly prepared to give such light as may be necessary in order to a final issue of the matter.

John Hamilton appeared before the P.b.y, and desired that a new Committee be appointed to reconsider his affair.

The P.b.y being of opinion that Mr. Hamilton has not given them sufficient reason to expect any new light on the affair, cannot agree to grant his request; and consequently do confirm the judgment of the Committee.

George Latimer and Deborah Ross being present, the P.b.y proceeded to consider their affair.

The P.b.y after maturely deliberating upon the above affair, and examining all the witnesses that were produced on either side, can not but testify their abhorrence of such conduct as is mentioned in Deborah Ross's solemn declaration, and had their been no obscurity thrown on her evidence by the seeming (tho' perhaps not ill-designed variations in her conduct and evidence) we would have been very clear in asserting that the censure in the former judgment was low.

But as Mrs. Ross's evidence is in part rendered somewhat dubious, altho' there is too much ground to suspect immodest conduct in Mr. Latimer, yet we can not, with sufficient clearness, fix such a positive censure upon him, but think there is ground for, and we do hereby admonish him to be more cautious and watchful in time to come. And as this affair is become public do order this judgment to be read to the

congregation of which he has been a member on the Sabbath day. To this judgment the parties submitted.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April ye 19th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Barr and Mr. Fulton who had leave of absence.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y proceeded to enquire with regard to the several congregations settlements with their ministers.

Mr. Clark produced settlements whereby it appears that Bethel congregation was indebted to him th efirst of Octobr last, £33. 3. 7. And that Lebanon congregation was indebted to him the first of Septembr last £156. 2. 0.

Mr. Finley produced accounts whereby it appears that Round-hill congregation was indebted to him the 1st of Novembr last, £34. 8. 2. and that there was due to him from his other congregation the 1st of Decembr last £50.

Mr. Smith reports that his congregations have not settled with him.

Mr. McMillan produces a settlement with Pidgeon Creek congregation whereby it appears that there was due to him from sd. congregation on the 1st of Novembr last, £88. 10. 10. And with Chartiers congregation whereby it appears that there was due to him on the 1st of Feb.y last £151. 4. 0.

Mr. Power produced settlements whereby it appears that there will be due to him on the 1st of May next from Mount Pleasant congregation £95. 18. 8, and from Seweekly congregation £103. 17. 10.

Mr. Dunlap reports that Delap's Creek congregation were indebted to him the 1st of Septembr last £48. Laurel Hill Congregation have not settled. Upon enquiry it is found that the several congregations are satisfied with the diligence and care of their respective Pastors.

Mr. Clark represents that the congregation of Lebanon have not taken effectual measures to discharge their dues to him, and that he apprehends that it will be necessary for him to obtain a dismission from them, and purposes to prosecute at the next meeting of P.b.y unless effectual measures be taken to prevent it.

It is thought necessary to notify sd. congregation that such application will be made, and call upon them to attend by their representatives duly prepared to do what is necessary in that affair. Mr. McClure is appointed to notify the congregation hereof.

Messrs. Joseph Patterson and James McGready having offered them-

selves to be taken on trials in order to their being licensed to preach the Gospel, the P.b.y proceeded to examine them on their experimental acquaintance with religion, Cases of Conscience, Logic, and moral Philosiphy, and Mr. McGready on Latin and Greek, in all which the P.b.y received such satisfaction that they are sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *April ye 20th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs brought in and read the Exegeses appointed them at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial. And Mr. Brice is appointed to prepare a discourse on Joh. 6. 29. And Mr. Hughs a discourse on Rom. 3. 28. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Patterson is appointed to prepare an Exegesis on this theme: Whether miracles are an evidence of a divine mission, and what miracles do prove such mission; to be delivered at our next meeting. And Mr. McGready on this, an sit concursus Dei cum omnibus hominum actionibus, to be delivered at our next fall's meeting.

The P.b.y proceeded to read and consider the Plan of Church goverment and discipline proposed by the Committee of the Synod of N. York and Philadelphia—and find many things which should be altered, and many omitted which we apprehend ought to be in a draught of Church Discipline.

Adjourned to meet at Lebanon the 3d tuesday of August next. Concluded with Prayer.

LEBANON TUESDAY *ye 21st of August*, 1787.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, Thaddeus Dod, and Samuel Barr.

Elders, John Wright, Eneas McCallester, James Brice, Thomas Wilson, Joseph Coe, and John Fulton.

Absent the Revd. Mr. James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Psal. 110. 3. by Mr. Dod.

The Stated Moderator being absent Mr. Finley was chosen Moderator pro tempore.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y, except such as respect supplies, be now read.

Mr. Barr reports that he fulfilled his appointment in writting to Unity congregation.

The Committee appointed to meet at Seweekly report that they fulfilled their appointment: and that, after all their endavours, found but little ground to expect an union; and that upon this they urged them to be speedy and use their utmost endavours to settle their arrearages to Mr. Power, and report the same to this P.b.y at their next meeting.

Mr. Power reports that the judgment of P.b.y relative to George Latimer and Deborah Ross has been publicly read according to order.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *August ye 22d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Ordered to proceed in reading the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Robert Hall having offered some reason to expect new light upon an affair between him and the session of Mount-pleasant, P.b.y agreed to grant them a new hearing at their meeting next Spring; and ordered Mr. Power to grant Citations for witnesses where he saw it necessary, or was applied to for yt. purpose.

The affair of Mr. Clark and Lebanon congregation is deffered till the next meeting of P.b.y.

The affair of Seweekly congregation and Mr. Power being maturely considered, the P.b.y, after all the light they could obtain, found it necessary that the Pastoral relation between him and them ought to be, and is hereby dissolved.

The P.b.y also enjoin it upon sd. congregation that they take effectual measures to settle and pay off their arrearages to Mr. Power, and report the same at the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Power is appointed to read this minute publicly to the congregation.

Messrs. Finley, Power and Dunlap are appointed as a Committee to examine and appoint such ministers and Candidates as may come into our bounds untill Octobr, 1788.

Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs brought in and read the discourses appointed them which were sustained as parts of trial. And Mr. Brice is appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on Heb. 11. 27. And Mr. Hughs on Rom. 8. 3. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Power and Mr. Barr desire leave of absence, which is granted.

Mr. Patterson brought in and read the Exegesis appointed him, which was sustained as part of trials; and he is appointed to prepare an Homily on Gal. 3. 24. first clause, to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *August ye 23d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Smith, Mr. Power, Mr. Barr and their Elders.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. John Brice, Joseph Patterson, and James McGready on natural Philosophy, and Mr. Hughs with them on Theology at some length; which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon Creek the 3d tuesday of Octobr next. Concluded with Prayer.

PIGEON CREEK TUESDAY *Octobr ye 16th*, 1787.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, and John McMillan.

Elders, Joseph Pierce, James Dinsmore, James Edger, and William McComb.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap and Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Smith with a sermon on Micah 6. 8.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Smith was chosen Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *ye 17th of Octobr.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Pierce who had leave of absence.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from the Town of Washington, Long-run, Buffalo, King's Creek, and George's Creek.

Applications for supplies from Mantures, Mill-Creek, Short-Creek, Patterson's Creek, Three Ridges, and Potato-garden.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Spring's meeting of P.b.y so far as they respect supplies.

The members present have fulfilled their appointments.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

The affair of Mr. Clark and Lebanon congregation is deferred till our next meeting, as no Commissioner appears from that congregation. In the mean time the P.b.y recommend to that congregation to do all in their power to discharge their arrearages to Mr. Clark, and appear at our next meeting duely prepared to have the affair finally issued. No report from Seweekly congregation.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at Mingo Creek ye 2d Sab. of Novembr, at George's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Decembr, at Long-run ye 4th Sab. of March.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Mingo Creek ye 2d Sab. of December, at Mantures the 5th Sab. of Decembr, at Mill Creek the Sab. 1st of April.

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at Long-run ye 3d Sab. of Octobr, at Short-Creek ye 2d Sab. of Novembr, at Washington the 3d Sab. of Decembr.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at Washington ye 2d Sab. of Novembr, at the three Ridges the 3d Sab. of Decembr, at King's Creek ye 2d Sab. of April.

Mr. Power appointed to supply three days at discretion both as to time & place.

Mr. Dunlap appointed to supply one Sab. at discretion at George's Creek.

Mr. Barr appointed to supply one Sab. at Unity, and one at Salem at discretion.

Mr. McGready brought in and read the Exegesis which was appointed to him, which was sustained as part of trials; and is appointed to prepare an homily on Rom. 3. 31. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Messrs. Brice and Hughs brought in and read the presbeterial exercises appointed them at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr. Hughs is appointed to prepare a lecture on Heb. 12. 22–29. and Mr. Brice on 1 Joh. 3. 1–9 to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY *Octobr ye 18th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Patterson brought in and read the homily appointed to him at our last, which was sustained as part of trials. And he is appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on Gen. 3. 15. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Bethel the 2d Tuesday of December next.

Concluded with Prayer.

BETHEL TUESDAY *Decembr ye 11th*, 1787.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, and John McMillan.

Elders, James Kirkpatrick, John Johnstone, Josiah Scott.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap and Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened with a Lecture from 1 Joh. 3. 1–9. by Mr. John Brice.

Mr. Dunlap is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y, except those respecting supplies.

Mr. Dunlap's reasons for not attending our two last meetings are sustained.

Mr. Patterson brought in and read the presbeterial exercise appointed him at our last, which was sustained as part of trials; and is appointed to prepare a lecture on Joh. 15. 1–8. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. McGready brought in and read the homily appointed him at our last, which was sustained as part of trials; and is appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on Heb. 2. 17. and a lecture on Heb. 2. 9–16. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *ye 12th of Decembr.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. John Brice, James Hughs, Joseph Patterson and James McGready on systimatic divinity, and having obtained satisfaction do sustain the same as part of trials.

Mr. Brice & Mr. Hughs having delivered the Lectures appointed to them at our last meeting; the P.b.y sustain them as parts of trial and appoint Mr. Brice to prepare a popular sermon on Phil. 2. 12. latter clause. And Mr. Hughs, on Psal. 89. 16. latter clause, to be delivered at our next meeting.

The P.b.y finding that the affair between Mr. Clark and Lebanon congregation is in a fair way to be comfortably settled, defer any further procedure therein, till our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Mount-Pleasant the 3d tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

Mount Pleasant Tuesday *April ye 15th*, 1788.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, and Samuel Barr.

Elders. John Power, John Shields, Hugh Scott, and John Neel.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith and Thaddeus Dod.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Phil. 2. 12. by Mr. Brice.

The Stated Moderator being absent. Mr Barr is chosen Moderator pro tempore.

Messrs. Brice and Hughs having delivered the sermons appointed to them at our last meeting, The P.b.y sustain them as part of trial.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last fall's meeting of P.b.y respecting supplies.

The P.b.y find that the members present have fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Finley and Mr. Power in one instance each, for which their reasons are sustained.

The P.b.y proceeded to take in supplications for supplies; whereupon supplications were brought in and read from Salem, Mingo-Creek, Fairfield, lower George's Creek, Sandy Creek, Mill-Creek and King's Creek.

Applications for supplies from Upper George's Creek, Three Ridges, Unity, Long-run, Bethel on Blacklick, Buffalo, Short Creek, Donagal and Greensburgh.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April ye 16th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Commissioners appeared from Unity congregation, and report that they have discharged the greater part of what was due from them to Mr. Power; and that they will use their utmost endavours to have the whole discharged as soon as possible: the P.b.y do therefore agree to appoint them supplies.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs of their having gone through a regular course of litrature, of their good moral character, and of their being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure: and their having given satisfaction as to their accomplishment in litrature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of trial: and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the P.b.y did and hereby do license them, the said John Brice and James Hughs to preach the

Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Mr. Brice appointed to supply at Long-run the 3d Sab. of April, at Mill Creek the 1st Sab. of May, at King's Creek ye 2d, at Buffalo ye 3d, at Short Creek ye 1st Sab. of June, at Lower George's Creek ye 3d, at Upper George's Creek ye 4th, at Sandy Creek ye 1st Sab. of July, at Unity ye 2d, at Salem ye 3d, at Bethel on Blacklick ye 4th, at Fairfield ye 1st Sab. of August, at Donagal ye 2d, at Mingo-Creek ye 3d, at the Three Ridges ye 2d Sab. of Septembr, the remaining Sab.s untill our next fall's meeting at discretion.

Mr. Hughs appointed to supply at Unity ye 3d Sab. of April, at three Ridges the 1st Sab. of May, at Mingo Creek ye 2d, at Mill Creek ye 3d, at King's Creek the 1st Sab. of June, at Long-run ye 4th, at Salem ye 1st Sab. of July, at Bethel on Blacklick ye 2d, at Fairfield ye 3rd, at Buffalo ye 1st Sab. of August, at Short Creek ye 2d, at Lower George's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Septembr, at Upper George's Creek ye 2d, at Sandy Creek ye 3d.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at Lower George's Creek ye 3d Sab. of May, and ordain Elders.

Mr. Power appointed to supply at Salem ye 4th Sab. of August, and ordain Elders.

Mr. Dunlap appointed to supply at Sandy Creek ye 2d Sab. of June.

Mr. Barr appointed to supply one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Smith and Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at King's Creek ye 4th Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Supper.

Mr. Patterson and Mr. McGready having delivered the lectures appointed them at our last meeting, the P.b.y sustain them as parts of trial.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Finley's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Power's and Mr. Barr's reasons for not attending our two last meetings are sustained.

Mr. Hamilton having made application for advice respecting a difference subsisting between him and George Glen, the P.b.y appoint the representatives of Donagal congregation to endavour to settle sd. difference, which if they can not effect, the P.b.y order the parties to appear before Mr. Power's session, at such time as it may be convenient for sd. session to attend upon them.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *the 17th of April.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

John Coleman having left his wife in Irland, and married another in this country, his former wife being yet alive, makes application to

this P.b.y to be restored to Church privileges, aledging, that by the laws of God and man he was free from her, as by her conduct in his absence she had violated her marriage covenant in a very essential part; of which he had sufficient information, before his second marriage: which he proposes to support by evidence.

Allexander Hunter being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, says that when he was last in Irland he was informed by the neighbours of Mary Coleman, wife to John Coleman, that she had behaved basely, was taken in the very act of Adultery with a certain Henery Irvin; and that when he, the sd. Hunter, proposed to pay her passage, and bring her to her Husband, she refused to come, and told him that if he was himself present, she would not go with him. Mr. Hunter further declares that he read a letter from Mr. Coleman's father informing that she had borne one bastard child, and was then great with another, and was therefore dead as to him.

Barbara Hunter being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that she heard a letter from Mr. Coleman's father read, containing the particulars before mentioned.

Robert Reyburn being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he was informed by a certain Edward Deny, who came from the same town where Mary Coleman lived, that it was commonly reported there and believed that she had behaved very basely, and was taken in the act of Adultery with a certain Henery Irvin. Mr. Reyburn further informs us that he has been long acquainted with Mr. Coleman, that he has always sustained a good moral character, both in Irland and in this country, and never made any secret of his having a wife in Irland.

As Mr. Coleman proposes to produce other witnesses, Mr. Power is appointed together with the session of Salem, to take their evidences and report the same at our meeting next fall.

The P.b.y, according to the order at our last August's meeting, proceeded to consider the affair of Mr. Hall and the session of Mount-Pleasant; and after fully hearing both parties, do judge that though Mr. Hall was disappointed in his expectations, and might thereby be a sufferer, yet we do not think yt. Mr. Power was to blame, nor that Mr. Hall had any just grounds for using some expressions reflecting on Mr. Power's character; and we further judge that before he be restored to distinguishing privileges he acknowledge his rashness in using such expressions, and that he be admonished by the Moderator. To this judgment Mr. Hall submitted, and was admonished accordingly.

The P.b.y finding that there is no good grounds to expect that the affair between Mr. Clark and Lebanon congregation will be comfortably settled; the P.b.y do therefore judge that the pastoral relation between him and that congregation ought to be, and is hereby disolved; and enjoin them to produce a settlement with Mr. Clark at our next meeting: and Mr. Clark is hereby appointed to preach in that congregation on a week day, and Mr. Sheilds to read this minute.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *ye 18th of April.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

It appears by a settlement between Mr. Smith and his congregation of Buffalo, that sd. congregation was indebted to him on the 1st of April last the just and full sum of eighty five Pounds, four shillings and four pence.

It appears by a settlement between Mr. Smith and his congregation of Cross-Creek, that there remains due to him from sd. congregation at the 1st of April last £79. 19. 5.

Mr. Dunlap produces a settlement with the congregation of Laurel Hill, whereby it appears that there was due to him from sd. congregation on the 1st of Septembr last, and still remains due the just and full sum of £102. 2. 11.

Mr. Finley reports that there was due to him from Rehoboth congregation at the 1st of Novembr last the just and full sum of £53. 12. 9.

Mr. Power produces a settlement with the congregation of Seweekly whereby it appears that there is due to him from sd. congregation the sum of £66. 17. 5.

Mr. Power reports that there is due to him from the congregation of Mount-Pleasant against the 1st of May next the just and full sum of £90. 7. 6.

Mr. Clark reports that there was due to him from Bethel congregation at the 1st of Octobr last, and still remains due the sum of £63. 7. 0.

Mr. Barr produces settlements whereby it appears that there is due to him from the congregation of Pittsburgh at the 25th of Octobr –86, the sum of £17. 12. 9. And from the congregation of Pitts-township £28. 9. 8.

Ordered that those who have not produced settlements with their congregations bring them in at our next meeting.

A refference being brought from Lebanon Session respecting a certain John Barnet, the consideration whereof was deffered untill this meeting; but he not attending, the P.b.y further deffer it untill our next meeting; and cite him to attend.

Mr. Patterson is appointed to prepare a popular sermon on 1. Joh. 5. 4. and Mr. McGready a popular sermon on Rom. 5. 20 to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers ye 2d tuesday of August next. Concluded with Prayer.

CHARTIERS, TUESDAY *August ye 12th*, 1788.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, Thaddeus Dod, and James Dunlap.

Elders, John Shannon, James Edger, John McDowell, Andrew Freazor, and William McFarlin.

Absent the Revd. Mr. Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on 1. Joh. 5. 4. by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. McGready also delivered a sermon on Rom. 5. 20. as appointed at our last meeting; both of which the P.b.y sustain as parts of trial.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Long-run, Lower George's Creek, and Unity.

Applications for supplies from Mill-Creek, Buffalo, Short-Creek, Racoon, Mingo-Creek, Mantures, Polke-run, Three Ridges, Forks of Wheeling, and Muddy-Creek.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *August ye 13th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Smith's and Mr. Dod's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Power informs the P.b.y that the affair between William Hamilton and Geo. Glen is settled.

Mr. Clark fulfilled his appointment at Lebanon, and informs the P.b.y that Mr. Sheilds fulfilled his; and that no settlement has yet been obtained.

Mr. McMillan produces settlements whereby it appears that there is due to him from the congregation of Pidgeon-Creek ye just & full sum of £63. 0. 4. which became due the 1st of Novembr, 1787. and

from the congregation of Chartiers the just and full sum of £62. 15. 11. wc. became due ye 1st of Jan. 1788.

The consideration of the affair respecting John Barnet deferred till our next meeting.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Messrs. Joseph Patterson and James McGready, of their having gone through a regular course of litrature, of their good moral character, and of their being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in litrature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of trial: and they having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the P.b.y did, and hereby do license them, the sd. Joseph Patterson and James McGready, to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Mr. Patterson appointed to preach at Mantures ye 3d Sab. of August, at Short-Creek the 4th, at Muddy-Creek ye 5th, at Lower George's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Septembr, at Upper George's Creek ye 2d, at Sandy-Creek ye 3d, at Potato Garden ye 1st Sab. of Octobr.

Mr. McGready appointed to supply at Long-run ye 5th Sab. of August, at Polke-run ye 1st Sab. of Septembr, at Unity ye 2d, at Bethel on Blacklick ye 3d, at Donogal ye 4th, at Mill Creek ye 1st Sab. of Octobr.

Application being made to this P.b.y for their judgment in the following case, viz: Whether ministers ought, in the administration of Baptism, to require the Parents to promise to perform certain duties, or only to recommend the performance of them? The P.b.y are unanimously of the opinion that it is the duty of ministers, not only to recommend, but to require of Parents a solemn promise that they will thro' grace conscientiously perform certain duties which are usually mentioned on such occasions.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 3d tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

REHOBOTH TUESDAY *Octobr ye 21st*, 1788.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan and James Dunlap.

Elders, Edward Cook, James Dinsmore, James Brice, William McComb, John Parker.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Thaddeus Dod, and Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Jer. 10. 25. by Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Smith is continued Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk pro tempore.

The P.b.y proceeded to receive supplications for supplies.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Sandy-Creek, Crab Orchard, Salem, Fairfield, Long-run, Three Ridges, forks of Wheeling, Buffalo, Short Creek, Mantures, Racoon, Upper & Lower George's Creek, Polke-run, Morgan-town, and Muddy Creek.

Applications for supplies were made from King's Creek, Bethel on Blacklick, Mingo-Creek, the heads of Buffalo, Mouth of Racoon, White thorn, Unity, South fork of ten-mile.

Mr. Power is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last spring's meeting respecting supplies.

The members and Probationers have fulfilled their appointments.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Clark reports that no settlement has yet been obtained with Lebanon congregation.

Mr. Barnet not being yet come his affair is deferred.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, *Octobr ye 22d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Dod and Mr. Barr are now come, their reasons for not coming sooner sustained: their Elders are Stephen Cook, and Thomas Sands.

Mr. Barr's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year; whereupon Mr. Dod was chosen Moderator and Mr. Power Clerk.

Ordered that the act of Synod respecting the settlement of Litigious suits in the congregation under their care be published and recommended both by the members of P.b.y, and the Probationers under their care.

Mr. Finley is appointed to attend at Lebanon congregation ye first Monday of Decembr next in order to obtain a settlement between Mr. Clark & sd. congregation: and Mr. Clark is appointed to preach in sd. congregation the 4th Sab. of Novembr, and inform them of Mr. Finley's appointment.

Mr. Brice appointed to supply at Muddy Creek ye 4th Sab. of October, at the S. fork of ten-mile ye 1st Sab. of Novembr, at Mingo Creek ye 3d, at the three Ridges and forks of Wheeling ye 4th & 5, and 1st & 2d Sab. of Decembr, at Unity & Salem ye 4th of Decembr, ye 1st, 2d, & 3d Sab. of January, at King's Creek and Mill Creek ye 1st, 2d, 3d, & 4th of Febuary, at Upper and lower George's Creek ye 2d, 4th, & 5th of March, at Morgan town ye 3d Sab. of March, at Buffalo ye 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Hughs appointed to supply at Lower George's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Novembr, ye 2d at the heads of Buffalo, ye 3d at Sandy Creek, ye 4th at Crab-orchard, ye 5th at Upper George's Creek, ye 1st Sab. of Decembr at the S. fork of ten mile, ye 2d, 3d, & 4th at Racoon and mantures, ye 1st Sab. of Jan. at King's Creek, ye 2d at Mill Creek, ye 3d at the three Ridges, ye 4th at the forks of Wheeling, the 1st of Feb. at Buffalo, ye 2d at Short Creek, ye 3d at ye mouth of Racoon. The 3d Sab. of March at Long-run, ye 4th at Salem, ye 5th at Bethel on blacklick, ye 1st Sab. of April at Fairfield, and ye 2d at Donegal.

Mr. Patterson appointed to supply at Unity ye 4th Sab. of Octobr, ye 1st Sab. of Novembr at Salem, ye 2d at Bethel, ye 3d at Fairfield, ye 4th at White thorn, ye 5th at Polke-run. The 1st Sab. of Decembr at Long-run, ye 2d, 3d, & 4th at Mill Creek and King's Creek. The 1st, 2d, 3d, & 4th Sab.s of January at Buffalo and Short Creek. The 1st, 2d, 3d, & 4th Sab.s of Feb.y at Racoon and Mantures. The 1st & 2d Sab. of March, at the three Ridges and Wheeling, ye 3d at the heads of Buffalo, ye 4th at the mouth of Racoon, ye 5th at Morgantown. The 1st & 2d Sab. of April at Upper and Lower George's Creek.

Mr. Finley appointed to supply at White-thorn ye 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Clark, at Mingo Creek ye 2d Sab. of Decembr, at Long-run ye 1st of April.

Mr. Dunlap, at Sandy Creek ye 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at Polke-run ye 3d Sab. of Novembr, at Muddy Creek ye 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Dod, at Sandy-Creek ye 2d Sab. of Novembr, at Crab-orchard ye 3d.

Mr. Barr, at the mouth of Racoon ye 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. Smith, at Upper Geo. Creek ye 4th Sab. of Octobr, at Mill Creek ye 5th of March.

Mr. Power, at Salem ye 2d Sab. of Decembr.

Messrs. Finley, Power, and Dunlap are appointed a Committee for the ensuing year for the examination and appointment of such ministers and Candidates as may come into our bounds.

An appeal from a judgment of the Session of Bethel congregation was brought in by Hugh Sterling and read together with all the papers relative thereunto.

The P.b.y having maturely considered the matter, and also enquired at the Moderator of the Session, and at Mr. Clark who was present at the time, respecting the manner in which Mr. Titball submitted to the judgment of the Session, and found yt. both agreed that Mr. Titbal delared that he did not remember his denying his promise to give the order; but if he did, it must have been in a passion, or without due

consideration, & was a deviation from the truth in words, tho' not in design, and that the submission was not therefore absolute but conditional.

The P.b.y maturely deliberating on the whole do unanimously conclude that ye Session are defective in their minutes, and ought to have been more cautious in their judgment respecting Mr. Titbal.

In other respects we see no reason to alter their judgment with regard to Hugh Sterling. The P.b.y order that Mr. Clark read this judgment, together with the judgment of the Session in the congregation of Bethel.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *Octobr ye 23d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Application having been made by Mr. Dunlap for a dismission from the congregation of Delap's Creek: the P.b.y order that the congregation be notified hereof, and attend at our next Spring's meeting, to shew reason, if any they have, why Mr. Dunlap's request should not be granted.

The P.b.y taking into their serious consideration the declension of vital religion amongst us, the spreading of error, the threatening aspect of divine Providence in respect of the seasons, and the great danger we are in of provoking God to withdraw the gracious influences of his Spirit, do therefore think it their incumbant duty to appoint a day of fasting and prayer to be observed in their respective congregations, and vacancies under their care, to implore a plentiful out-pouring of divine influences upon the Church in general, and upon this infant Church in this land in particular; and at the same time to acknowledge with gratitude the many mercies, both special and common conferred upon us, and deprecate the judgments which now threaten us.

The P.b.y do therefore appoint the third Thursday of Novembr next to be observed for the above purposes.

Mr. McGready having obtained leave to travel to Carolina during the ensuing winter: Mr. McMillan is appointed to furnish him with suitable credentials.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers the 3d Wednesday of January next. Concluded with Prayer.

CHARTIERS WEDNESDAY *ye 21st of January* 1789.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan and Thaddeus Dod.

Elders, Joseph Vance and Thomas Marquis.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, James Power, James Dunlap, and Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Act. 16. 31 by Mr. Dod.

The Stated Clerk being absent, Mr. McMillan is chosen Clerk pro tempore.

Mr. John McPherrin having at our last meeting offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel; the P.b.y conversed with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agree to take him on trials, and appointed him to prepare an exegesis on this theme, num Christus qua mediator adorandus sit, to be delivered at this meeting: which being read was sustained as a part of trials.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye 22d of Jan.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Samuel Porter having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel. The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his good moral conduct, and of his being a regular member of the Church, proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience; and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take him on trials.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. McPherrin and Porter on the Latin and Greek languages, on Logick, and some considerable length on Divinity; in all which they obtained satisfaction, and sustain them as parts of trial.

Mr. McPherrin is appointed to prepare an homily on Matt. 5. 8. and a presbyterial exercise on Rom. 3. 25. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Porter is appointed to prepare an exegesis on this theme, An lapsus Adami omnibus ejus posteris, naturali generatione ab eo oriundis imputatur: to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon Creek the 3d tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON CREEK TUESDAY *ye 21st of April* 1789.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S.,

the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, John McMillan & James Dunlap.

Elders, John Allen and Patrick Scott.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, Joseph Smith, James Power, Thaddeus Dod and Samuel Barr.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Jonah. 1. 6. by Mr. Patterson.

The stated Moderator and Clerk being absent Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk pro tempore.

The P.b.y proceeded to take in supplications for supplies; whereupon suppplications were brought in and read from Racoon, Long-run, Polke-run, Congruity, the forks of Cheat, Sandy-Creek, and Crab-Orchard, Delap's Creek and George's Creek, and Bethel on blacklick.

Mr. Power is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *April ye 22d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Smith is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained: his Elder is John Cowan.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

A Call for Mr. Joseph Patterson from the united congregations of Upper Racoon and Mantures-run was brought in and read.

A Call for Mr. Joseph Patterson from the united congregations of Unity and Salem was brought in and read.

Both these calls were presented by the P.b.y to Mr. Patterson, which he took under consideration.

A Call for Mr. James Hughs from the united congregations of Short Creek and lower Buffalo:

Another from the united congregations of Donegal, Fairfield and Wheatfield: another from the united congregations of New-Providence and the S. fork of Ten-mile were brought in, and being read were presented by the P.b.y to him, and he took them under consideration.

A Call for Mr. John Brice from the united congregation of Three Ridges, and forks of Wheeling: another from the united congregations of Mill Creek and King's Creek, were brought in and read, and being presented to him by the P.b.y, he took them under consideration.

Ordered that the minutes of the meeting of P.b.y last fall be now read.

Mr. Clark reports that though Mr. Finley attended at Lebanon according to appointment, yet no settlement has as yet been obtained with that congregation.

Messrs. Hughs, Brice and Patterson have fulfilled their appointments.

The members present have fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Dunlap whose reasons for which omission are sustained.

The congregation of Delap's-Creek appeared by their commissioner, and signified that they had no reasons to offer why Mr. Dunlap should not be dismissed, especially since he manifests an unwillingness to remain with them any longer; and altho' the P.b.y can not justify his conduct in forsaking that congregation without a regular dismission, yet as we do not think that his continuance there would be for edification; we do therefore judge that the pastoral relation between him and that congregation ought to be, and is hereby dissolved.

Mr. Dod and Mr. Barr are now come, their reasons for not coming sooner are sustained. Mr. Dod's Elder is Daniel Extell.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April ye 23d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Hughs gave up the Call from Donegal, Fairfield and Wheat field.

Mr. Dod fulfilled his appointments.

Mr. Barr's reasons for not fulfilling his appointments are sustained.

Ordered to proceed in reading the minutes of the last fall's meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Barr appointed to supply at Mingo-Creek the 4th Sab. of April.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply at Long-run ye 4th Sab. of May: and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at Mill Creek the 4th Sab. of August, and to administer the Sacrament of the Supper: and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. McMillan appointed to supply at Unity the 4th Sab. of June: at Delap's Creek the 4th Sab. of August and administer the sacrament of the supper.

Mr. Dunlap to supply at Sandy-Creek the 2d Sab. of May, at George's Creek the 1st Sab. of September.

Mr. Patterson gave up the Call from Unity and Salem congregations, and declares his acceptance of the Call from the united congregations of Upper Racoon and mantures provided that some difficulties now subsisting be removed before our next meeting.

Messrs. Brice Hughs and Patterson are appointed to supply as much as they can conveniently in those congregations from whom they have received Calls untill our next meeting.

Mr. Clark produced a settlement with Bethel congregation whereby it appears that there is due to him from sd. congregation the just and full sum of £45.18.5. which became due the 1st of Octobr last.

Mr. McMillan produced settlements whereby it appears that there was due to him from Chartiers congregation on the 1st of Febuary last ye sum of £74.8.0. and from the congregation of Pidgeon Creek the sum of £70.9.6. which became due the 1st of Novembr last.

Mr. Power produces a settlement with Mount Pleasant congregation whereby it appears that there will be due to him on the first of May next ye sum of £80.9.0.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Barr produced no settlements with their congregations.

The P.b.y find that the congregations are satisfied with the diligence and care of their respective Pastors.

Mr. Finley and Mr. Power, together with Mr. Cook and Mr. Baird Elders are appointed to represent this P.b.y in general Assembly.

The P.b.y having had frequent applications made to them respecting the settlement of places of worship: in order to prevent waste of time about this matter in future, the P.b.y now give it as their opinion, that in general, where congregations are in union with each other, their houses of worship ought not to be less than eight miles apart, and where the congregations are not in union, nor expect to be, that their places of worship ought not to be less than nine miles apart.

Application having been made by Mr. Barr for a dismission from the united congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitt's-township: the P.b.y order that the congregations be notified hereof, and attend at our next meeting to shew reason, if any they have, why Mr. Barr's request should not be ganted.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Messrs. Clark's, Power's, Dunlap's and Barr's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. McPherrin brought in and read the homily and presbeterial exercise on the subjects appointed him at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *ye 24th of April.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Ordered to proceed in reading the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Porter brought in and read the exegesis on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

Mr. Robert Marshel having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel: The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his good moral character, and of his being a regular member of the Church; proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take him on trials.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Marshel on the Latin and Greek languages; and Mr. McPherrin and Mr. Porter with him on natural and moral Philosophy, in all which having obtained satisfaction, they sustain them as parts of trial.

Mr. McPherrin is appointed to prepare a lecture on Jam. 2. 14–26, and a popular sermon on 1. Joh. 4. 18. to be delivered at our August meeting.

Mr. Porter is appointed to prepare an homily on 1. Cor. 2. 14. and a presbeterial exercise on Heb. 2. 14 to be delivered at our August meeting.

Mr. Marshel is appointed to prepare an exegesis on this theme An constat fidei essentia in persuasione quod remisa nobis peccata, et nostrum Christus sit: and an homily on Rev. 3. 20 to be delivered at our August meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers on the 4th Monday of May next. Concluded with Prayer.

CHARTIERS MONDAY *ye 25th of May* 1789.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan and Samuel Barr.

Elders James Brice, Hugh Scott and James Wilson.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, James Power, Thaddeus Dod and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Matt. 26. 41, by Mr. Patterson.

The Stated Moderator and Clerk not being present Mr. Smith was chosen Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk pro tempore.

Mr. Patterson reports that those difficulties which subsisted in the congregations of Upper Racoon and Mantures are now removed.

Mr. Patterson having accepted the Call from upper Racoon and Mantures run, he is appointed to prepare a discourse on Jam. 3. 6, to be delivered at our August meeting, as part of (trials) in order to ordination.

Mr. Hughs declares his acceptance of the Call from lower Buffalo and short Creek, and is therefore appointed to prepare a discourse on 1. Joh. 1. 7, latter clause, to be delivered at our next fall's meeting as a part of trials in order to ordination.

Mr. Brice declares his acceptance of the Call from the Three Ridges and the Forks of Wheeling, and is therefore appointed to prepare a discourse on Joh. 15. 4, to be delivered at our next fall's meeting as a part of trials in order to ordination.

Mr. Smith produces a settlement with his congregation of Cross Creek, whereby it appears that they were indebted to him on the 1st of April last ye sum of £88.0.1.

Mr. Clark is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

A number of Commissioners appeared from Pittsburgh in consequence of Mr. Barr's application for a dismission: and it appearing evident to P.b.y that there were some difficulties which could not be properly settled without a meeting on the spot; the P.b.y therefore agreed to defer all further proceedings in that affair for the present, to meet at Pittsburgh on the second tuesday of June, and to send notice to the absent members.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh the 2d tuesday of June. Concluded with Prayer.

PITTSBURGH *June ye 9th*, 1789.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith and John McMillan & Samuel Barr.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Thaddeus Dod and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened with a sermon on Phil. 3. 8. by Mr. McMillan.

The stated Moderator and Clerk being absent, Mr. Finley was chosen Moderator and Mr. McMillan Clerk pro tempore.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read.

Mr. Finley's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Barr produced the following reasons why he desired to be dismissed from his pastoral relation to the united congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitt's township viz:

1. Because he supposes he may preach the Gospel elsewhere with more success.

2. Because he has not been able to exercise church discipline having too few to support him in that branch of his duty.

3. Because no active measures have been taken by the Trustees to comply with their agreement: but on the contrary have appointed him to collect his own salery for the last year, which was as much as to say that he might hunt after his salery from door to door, it was none of their business.

4. Because Robt. Galbraith and John Wilkens Esqrs. Elders of the church, have not supported characters becoming their office; but have indulged themselves in drinking and Card-playing—Mr. Wilkens is charged with being idle with women: and Mr. Galbraith has not settled his accounts with him for stipend collected by him from Octobr 1785, till April '87.

5. Because William Dunning Elder, besides his not paying a strict attention to his word, has not been scrupulous in altering his neighbours land-mark, which betrays a covetous disposition, and unbecoming one who should be an example to the flock.

Lastly. That since his application he has still more reason to continue his resolution, from the industery of the above named Gentlemen, together with George Wallace Esqr. to render his labours useless both here and elsewhere, by circulating false reports, and preventing the congregation and himself from worshiping God in a peaceable manner in the house of worship on ye Sabbath day.

Charges exhibited by the Session and Trustees of Pittsburgh congregation against the Revd. Samuel Barr in consequence of his application to P.b.y for a dismission from the united congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitt's township: And in compliance with a notification from P.b.y to the Session and Trustees of Pittsburgh congregation to send commissioners to shew cause, if any they have, why sd. Barr should not be removed from his pastoral relation to them.

1. They intend to shew that Mr. Barr has not had any reason from Pittsburgh congregation to make any such application.

2. They intend to shew that Mr. Barr has not done his duty as a Clergyman to sd. congregation, by absenting himself from them at sundry times, without the consent of Session or congregation, or leave obtained, or his business abroad known to them.

3. They intend to shew that Mr. Barr has not done his duty as a Clergyman by not visiting the families of sd. congregation at their houses, and in not catachising and examining them as he ought to do.

4. They intend to shew that Mr. Barr has collected a considerable sum of money in Philadelphia and New-York for the use of Pittsburgh congregation, and has never rendered any account of the same, nor

paid any part of it into the hands of the Trustees or to any other person for the use of said Church.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *June ye* 10*th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Barr alledges in support of his first reason that he has preached the Gospel elsewhere with more success, and that it appears that there is little prospect of his being useful any longer in this place as the people have generally withdrawn from the public ordinances.

In answer to this the representatives of the people alledge that the fault is in Mr. Barr and not in them: that it was his own misconduct that disgusted the people, and occasioned their none attendance upon his ministry. In support of which they produce the following instances.

1. His improper and imprudent conduct in the affair of Doctor Bedford's Marriage.

Dr. Bedford being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that before he was married he had at different times called at Mr. Barr's house in order to get him to perform the ceremony; but he being not at home, nor known when he would return; and the day being set and the Guests bidden, he found it inconvenient to defer the marriage longer: and therefore, with the advice of friends, sent for Mr. Philips, who came and performed the business.

That Mr. Barr returning the same evening, was the next morning invited to Breckfast with them: that when he came he behaved in a very insulting manner both towards Mr. Ormsby and Mr. Philips, as he. sd. Bedford, was informed by both these Gentlemen.

Mr. Bedford being asked whether Mr. Barr's conduct on this occasion was the reason why he withdrew from the public ordinances? He answered that though this much disgusted him, yet he did not instantly withdraw: but his after conduct, taken in connection with this, was the occasion why he at last withdrew.

Mr. Ormsby being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that when Mr. Barr came to his house on the morning after his daughter's marriage, he appeared to be in anger, and that his calling Mr. Philips to an account for marrying his daughter in the manner he did, gave him umbrage, and was the occasion of his breaking off from the congregation.

Mr. Wilkens being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says,

that being at Mr. Ormsby's on the morning above referred to, he saw nothing unbecoming in Mr. Barr's conduct, though he apprehended that Mr. Barr appeared warm in his conversation with Mr. Philips.

Mr. Tanihill being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says that he saw nothing unbecoming in Mr. Barr's conduct at Mr. Ormsby's on the morning above referred to.

2. His treatment of Gen. Gibson in the affair of baptizing his child.

Gen. Gibson being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he applied to Mr. Barr to know whether he would baptize the children of Episcopalians who were subscribers to him: he answered that he would baptize the children of any subscriber upon the recommendation of two of the Committee. He then asked Mr. Barr whether that would not give offence to the P.b.y on this side the mountains? Mr. Barr answered that he did not design to connect himself with the P.b.y here as he knew them to be a people of contracted minds. Afterwards he applied to Mr. Barr to baptize a child for him, which he agreed to do: but on the way between his house and Mr. Gibson's he informed him that as he belonged to the Episcopalian Church it might give offence if he presented the child to baptism, and therefore requested that Mrs. Gibson might do it; which was accordingly done.

Gen. Gibson observing that other Episcopalians had their children baptized in the same manner that presbeterians had, apprehended that Mr. Barr must have some other reason for his conduct towards him in the above affair than what he had given him: and therefore at a meeting of the Committee, he asked Mr. Barr what his reason was why he did not permit him to present his child in the usual manner? Mr. Barr answered that it was a point of delicacy, and refused to give him any reason: and that this part of Mr. Barr's conduct was the principal occasion of his breaking off from the congregation.

Mr. Duncan being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he heard Gen. Gibson asking Mr. Barr whether he would baptize the children of Episcopalians who subscribed to him: Mr. Barr answered that he would baptize for any subscriber upon the recommendation of two of the Committee.

3. His conduct in publishing a piece in the Gazette subscribed a Farmer.

Col. Byard being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he cannot positively say that Mr. Barr is the Author of the piece above mentioned: but that it is generally believed that he is the Author of it.

Mr. Wilkens being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says,

that Mr. Barr acknowledged to him that he was the Author of the piece above referred to.

Mr. Barr objected against Mr. Wilkens being admitted as a witness against him, because he looked upon him as his accuser: but it being made appear to the P.b.y that he with two others were appointed by the Session and Trustees to transact business in behalf of the congregation before the P.b.y they concluded that Mr. Wilken was not in this case an accuser, and therefore judged that his evidence ought to be taken.

4. His refusing to chatechise a bound girl belonging to Col. Tannehill.

Mr. Tannehill being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he applied to Mr. Barr to chatechise his bound Girl with the other children of the congregation: Mr. Barr enquired whether she had been baptized; he answered that she was not, that her parents had forbid him to have her baptized untill she came to years of discretion to chuse for herself: Mr. Barr replied that he could not chatechise her unless she was baptized; and intimated to him that if he would stand for her himself he would baptize her, and then chatechise her: Mr. Tannehill replied that he could not do that being forbid by her parents: and that this and some other parts of his conduct was the occasion of his withdrawing from the public ordinances.

Mr. Barr declares that he remembers nothing of the above affair, but alledges that there must have been a misapprehension in the case.

5. His refusing to baptize a child for Galbraith Wilson without money being first given.

Mr. Wilson being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he applied to Mr. Barr to baptize his child, it being sick; Mr. Barr enquired whether he was a subscriber; he answered, he was not: Mr. Barr then told him that it was not customary to baptize for any that were not subscribers: he answered that he was very willing to subscribe and take a part of a seat, but that no one had ever asked him so to do; Mr. Barr told him that he could not baptize it, as he was not a member of the congregation, except he would give him two dollars: Mr. Wilson then replied that he was a poor man, and had not the money to give.

In support of Mr. Barr's second and fourth reasons for desiring a dismission he produced the following witnesses.

Mr. Wilken being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that frequently Mr. Galbraith and himself together with others met in the evening and took a game at Whist or loo; that Mr. Barr was frequently present, and was so far from discountenancing them, that upon

a certain occasion being invited to take a game at loo, he said it would not suit, as there was a number of bigoted, narrow-hearted McMillanites on the other side of the river, who, if they would hear of it, might call him to an account: that when Mr. Barr spoke to him about being an Elder, he replied that it would not suit him, as he was fond of taking a game at Cards, and would not wish to be restricted in that amusement when he met with agreeable friends; to wc. Mr. Barr replied that he might be indulged in that with his friends, provided he did not get into roits, and kept it from the knowledge of the people.

Mr. Wilken further declares that he never remembers to have seen Mr. Galbraith so intoxicated with spirituous liquor as to lose the use either of his senses or limbs; and that he never knew him to play cards for money.

Mr. Adams being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he frequently saw Mr. Galbraith playing cards, but never for money; that he never saw Mr. Barr present when cards were playing, and often heard him express his dislike to that game. Upon a question being asked, Mr. Adams further says that he has heard Mr. Barr saying that there was no crime in playing cards in a private house.

Mr. Adams being asked whether he attended at the meetings for playing Cards at the time referred to in Mr. Wilken's evidence, he answered, he did not.

Col. Byard being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he frequently heard Mr. Barr express his dislike to card-playing; though at several times he saw him present where card playing was practised. He also declares that he never saw Mr. Galbraith drunk.

Mr. Kirkpatrick being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he never saw Mr. Galbraith or Mr. Wilken drunk; that he heard Mr. Barr heartily approving of meetings in the evening for playing cards, provided they did not drink to excess, and all were not engaged in it, but that some might converse on politics.

Mr. Brison being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, yt. though he has seen Mr. Galbraith at times in some measure elevated with liquor, yet he never saw him so intoxicated as to incapacitate him for doing any business that occurred.

In support of the charge of adultery or fornication against Mr. Wilken, Mr. Barr produces the following witnesses.

Elizabeth Coughan being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that shortly after she came to live near to Mr. Wilken's, he came into her house on a certain day, and after enquiring how she was provided in necessaries, he gave her two small pieces of money, at the

same time saying something which she took an ill meaning from, but does not remember the particular expressions: she further adds that he neither then, nor at any other time offered to lay hands upon her, or attempted anything indecent.

James Smith being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that he heard Mrs. Coughan say that Mr. Wilken gave her money in order that he might have criminal corrispondence with her.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye 11th of June,*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

In support of the charge against Mr. Dunning Mr. Barr says that he, said Dunning, in altering a fence from a worm to a straight fence, he set the straight fence considerably in upon a lot in his, Mr. Barr's possession. In order to ascertain the truth of the above charge, the P.b.y recommended to the parties to nominate two persons to view and measure the ground, and make report to P.b.y; accordingly John McMasters and John Erwin were nominated.

Mr. McMasters and Mr. Erwin report that they have viewed the fence above referred to, and are of opinion that the straight fence stands as near the middle of the ground upon which the worm fence stood as possible without being at more exactness than is usually taken upon such occasions.

It being asked when this fence was altered, it was answered that it was done on the day when Mr. Barr returned from P.b.y last April.

With respect to the charge against Mr. Dunning of not paying a strict attention to his word; the P.b.y find that the particular in which Mr. Dunning has not kept his word, was about mending a lock, which Mr. Barr alledges he did not do at the time appointed. Mr. Dunning says that some part which was to be mended did not belong to his line of business, but told Mr. Barr that he would endavour to get it done for him as soon as he could.

Mr. Barr's charge against the Trustees for using no active measures &c. is so far from being supported that on the contrary it appears that they have been very active, untill the last year when he agreed to collect for himself.

Upon the last reason of Mr. Barr, and the last charge exhibited by the Trustees and Session the following witnesses were taken.

Mr. Nox being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that in conversation with Mr. Barr he heard him say that he meant to pay

for the building of the Pulpit himself, and understood from Mr. Barr's conversation that he had received a sum of money to the amount of about forty pounds from Philadelphia.

Mr. McMasters being solemnly called upon to declare the truth says, that according to the best of his knowledge he heard Mr. Barr say that he had donations from Philadelphia to the amount of about forty pounds.

The persons appointed to appear in behalf of the Session &c.; say, that the reasons why they shut the meeting house door were that they were dissatisfied with his conduct in absenting himself so long from the congregation, in making application to the Spanish Ambassador for a goverment in the Spanish Collonies in north America; in neglecting to call the Trustees and Session together after his return; or acquainting them with his design of leaving the congregation untill he had first applied to the P.b.y for a dismission; and also because his year was then out, and they did not wish to enter upon a new year.

In answer to the third charge exhibited against Mr. Barr he says that he did shortly after his settlement visit a number of families; but apprehending, by the expressions of some, that it was disagreeable, he determined to take another method; accordingly appointed the children to meet him at the meeting house there to be catechised, and followed this practice for the most part every summer since, on the Sabbath evenings.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY *ye 12th of June*,

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y after hearing all that the Parties had to say, examining the witnesses that were produced on either side, and maturely deliberating on the matter are of opinion that the reasons offered by Mr. Barr why he desires a dismission from the congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitts-township are groundless, and some of them, if they had been true, did not at all exist at the time when he made the application; it appearing evident to P.b.y in the course of the trial, that it was his *own* misconduct principly, that occasioned the people's non-attendance on his ministry; that he never had used any proper means to have discipline duely exercised, but on the contrary did himself countenance Card-playing and night-revelling, and did nominate and ordain persons as Elders, though he knew that they did practise, and by his permission determined to practise some of those very things which he

now brings in as charges against them. And though he has brought in some very grivous charges against particular persons, yet it does not appear that he ever in private endavoured their reformation by admonishing or reproving them for their conduct, and has entirely failed in proving any of them, except that of card-playing which was not denied. It further appeared in the course of the trial that Mr. Barr has in many things behaved in a manner very unbecoming a minister of the Gospel, in neglecting the visitation of the families in the town of Pittsburgh, and catechising, except a few children on the Sabbath evenings, and in one case refusing to baptize a child without money being first given, which last however is supported only by one witness —in publishing a piece in the Gazette in which are some very unbecoming expressions and one profane oath—in neglecting to consult with his Session, and make use of their assistance in the spiritual matters of the congregation—in his inconsistant proceedure in the affair of baptizing Gen. Gibson's child—and in neglecting to give the Trustees a proper account of the money subscribed for the use of the congregation, though there is not evidence to shew that he designed any fraud thereby.

Upon the whole the P.b.y conclude that the state of things in these congregations is such that there is no prospect of Mr. Barr's being useful amongst them, and that therefore the union between him and them ought to be, and is hereby dissolved.

They do also conclude that his conduct has been very injurious to the cause of religion and virtue, and that without an alteration will continue to be so; therefore, although we feel tenderly for him, yet we cannot see how we can justify ourselves before God, the world or our own Consciences without declaring this as our judgment, viz: that he ought not to exercise any part of his ministerial office untill the mind of our Synod is known thereon, to whom we do refer the ultimate determination of this affair.

The P.b.y cannot but testify, upon this occasion, their disapprobation of Card-playing, night-revelling, and using any expressions leading to immodest Ideas, as practices very unbecoming in any professor of religion, and such as would lay a just foundation for exclusion from Church priveleges in any congregation where discipline is duely exercised; and that therefore such of the Elders of the Church of Pittsburgh as have appeared before us to be guilty of such things ought to be, and are hereby admonished to abstain from such practices for the future, and be informed that without a reformation they ought to be further dealt with.

Adjourned to meet at Laurel-Hill the 3d tuesday of August next. Concluded with Prayer.

LAUREL HILL, TUESDAY *ye 8th of August* 1789

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, and James Dunlap.

Elders, William Steel, Thomas Brecken, John Neil, and James Wilken.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith and Thaddeus Dod.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. McPherrin with a sermon on 1. Joh. 4. 18.

The Stated Moderator being absent, Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator pro tempore.

Messrs. Patterson and McPherrin having delivered discourses on the subjects appointed them at former meetings, they were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye 19th of August*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Messrs. Power's and Dunlap's reasons for not attending at our last meeting sustained.

The Revd. Messrs. Finley, Smith and McMillan are appointed to transact the affair relative to Mr. Barr's suspension at the next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Power appointed to supply the 3d Sab. of October, and Mr. Hughs the 4th for Mr. Finley during the time of his attending Synod.

Mr. Clark appointed to supply ye 3d Sab. of October, and Mr. Patterson the 4th for Mr. McMillan during his absence at Synod.

Ordered to read the minutes of the meeting of P.b.y last Spring.

Mr. Hughs not having had the Call with him from New providence and the South Fork of ten-mile at the time of his acceptance of the Call from lower Buffalo and Short-Creek, now gives up sd. Call.

Mr. Dunlap is ordered to produce a settlement with the congregation of Delap's Creek at our next meeting.

Messrs. Finley's and Power's reasons for not attending the meeting of general assembly are sustained. Messrs. McPherrin, Porter and Marshel being examined on divinity, their answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye 20th of August,*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. John McPherrin, of his having gone through a regular course of litrature; of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments (in) litrature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactoraly answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the P.b.y did, and hereby do license him, the sd. John McPherrin, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Supplications for supplies from Long-run, the S. fork of ten mile, Delap's Creek, the mouth of Racoon, were brought in and read.

Applications were made for supplies from Muddy-Creek, Pittsburgh & Pitt's township, Unity and Salem.

Mr. McPherrin appointed to supply at Unity ye 4th Sab. of August, at Long-run the 5th, at Pitt's township the 1st Sab. of Septembr, at Muddy Creek ye 2d, at Morgantown the 3d, at Sandy Creek the 4th.

Mr. Porter delivered the homily and Presbeterial exercise on the subjects appointed him, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Marshel delivered the exegesis and homily on the subjects appointed him, which were sustained as parts of trial.

The ordination of Mr. Patterson is appointed to be at upper Racoon the 2d Wednesday of November: Mr. Dod is appointed to preach the Ordination sermon, and (Mr.) Smith to preside, or in his absence Mr. Power.

Mr. Porter appointed to prepare a lecture on Isa. 6. 1–8. and a popular sermon on Phil. 4. 13. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Marshel appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on Rom. 8. 16. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Ordered that collections be raised from the several congregations under the care of this P.b.y agreeably to an act of general assembly, and that the money collected be brought in at our Spring meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Upper Racoon ye 2d. tuesday of November. Concluded with Prayer.

UPPER RACOON, TUESDAY *ye 10th of Novembr* 1789.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, John McMillan, and Thaddeus Dod.

Elders, James Dinsmore, James Foster, and Joseph Coe.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, Joseph Smith, James Power, and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened by Messrs. John Brice and James Hughs with sermons on the subjects appointed them at a preceeding meeting.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. McMillan was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Dod Clerk,

The P.b.y sustain the discourses delivered by Messrs. Brice and Hughs as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Novembr ye 11th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Lower Racoon, Delap's Creek, George's Creek, Sandy Creek, Unity and Salem, Seweekly & Long-run, Polke-run and Congruity.

Messrs. Clark, Patterson and Hughs report that their appointments were fulfilled.

Mr. McMillan reports that Mr. Finley and himself attended Synod according to appointment, and that the affair of Mr. Barr's suspension was referred to a Committee of Synod to meet at Pittsburgh the 4th tuesday inst.

Mr. Dunlap, by letter, informs the P.b.y, that at his own request the settlement with Delap's Creek Congregation is deferred.

Mr. McPherrin reports that he has fulfilled all his appointments.

The Revd. Mr. Robert Finley, formerly a member of the P.b.y of S. Carolina, now makes application to be admitted as a member of this P.b.y. And upon his producing sufficient testimonials and a dismission from that P.b.y, is accordingly received, and takes his seat as a member with us.

The P.b.y, according to appointment, proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Joseph Patterson, and did, by fasting and Prayer, and with the imposition of the hands of the P.b.y, set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry.

Mr. Dod preached upon the occasion from Act. 20. 28. Mr. McMillan presided, and Mr. Robert Finley gave the charge.

Mr. Patterson now takes his seat as a member.

Mr. Marshel brought in and read the presbeterial exercise on the subject appointed him, which was sustained as a part of trials; and the P.b.y appoints him to prepare a lecture on Mal. 4. 1–6. and a popular sermon on Tit. 2. 14; to be delivered at our next meeting.

The Ordination of Mr. Hughs is appointed to be at Short Creek on the 3d Wednesday of April next; Mr. Smith is appointed to preach the Ordination sermon, and Mr. James Finley to preside and give the charge.

The Ordination of Mr. Brice is appointed to be at Three Ridges on the 4th Thursday of April next; Mr. Dunlap is appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. McMillan to preside and give the charge.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye 12th of Novembr.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. McPherrin appointed to supply at Polke-run ye 4th Sab. of November, at Congruity ye 5th at Bethelon Blacklick ye 1st Sab. of Decembr at Unity and Salem ye 2d 3d & 4th Sabs. of Decembr and 1st of January, at Long-run and Seweekly ye 2d 3d 4th & 5th of Jan. At L. Racoon ye 2d Sab. of Febuary. At Mill-Creek and King's Creek ye 3d & 4th Sabs. of Febuary, at Delap's Creek and George's Creek ye 1st 2d 3d & 4th Sabs. of March, at Polke-run and Congruity ye 1st and 2d Sabs of April.

Mr. Clark is appointed to supply at Mingo Creek at discretion.

Mr. Smith is appointed to supply at Mill-Creek one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Patterson at the mouth of Racoon ye 2d Sab. of Decembr, at Polke-run ye 4th Sab. of March.

Mr. Power one Sab. at Fairfield and another at Blacklick at discretion.

Mr. James Finley is appointed to supply at Salem ye 1st Sab. in April.

Mr. Dunlap is appointed to supply one Sab. at Delap's Creek, and another at George's Creek at discretion.

Mr. McMillan is appointed to supply at Long-run ye 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Hughs to supply at Mill-Creek ye 3d Sab. of Novembr, at the S. fork of Ten mile the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Brice at Muddy-Creek ye 1st Sab. of Decembr, and another Sab. at discretion both as to time and place.

Agreeably to a recommendation of the Synod of Virginia, for raising contributions for the support of Missionaries; the P.b.y agree to make contributions in the several congregations for that purpose as soon as convenient, and that the report of success in the same be brought in at next Spring meeting

Mr. Porter having delivered the discourses on the subjects appointed him, they were sustained as parts of trial.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. Samuel Porter, of his having gone through a regular course of litrature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in litrature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the P.b.y did, and hereby do license him, the said Samuel Porter to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Mr. Porter appointed to supply at Delap's Creek and George's Creek ye 4th and 5th Sabs. of Novembr, and the 1st and 2d of Decembr, at Sandy-Creek and Crab-Orchard ye 3d & 4th of Decembr, at Morgan Town ye 1st Sab. in Jany, at Lower Racoon ye 3d Sab. in Jany, at Mill-Creek and King's Creek ye 4th & 5th, at Mingo Creek ye 1st & 2d Sabs. of Feby, at Long-run and Seweekly ye 3d & 4th, at Polke-run & Congruity ye 1st & 2d Sabs. in March, at Unity and Salem ye 3d & 4th, at Bethel on Blacklick ye 1st Sab. in April.

Adjourned to meet at Short-Creek the 3d tuesday of April. Concluded with Prayer,

SHORT-CREEK, TUESDAY *ye 20th of April* 1790.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod, and Joseph Patterson.

Elders, James Edger.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, James Power, James Dunlap, and Robert Finley.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Robert Marshel with a lecture on Mal. Chap. 4, and a sermon on Tit. 2. 14, both which had been appointed at a former meeting, and are now sustained as parts of Trial.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y deferred till to morrow.

The united congregations of Unity and Salem presented a Call to Mr. John McPherrin, which having been read was delivered to him for his consideration.

The United congregations of Delap's and George's Creeks, and also the united congregations of polk-run and Congruity, as also the united congregations of Long-run and Seweekly presented each a Call for

Mr. Samuel Porter, all which being read were delivered to him for his further consideration.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Morgan-Town, Mouth of Racoon, Bethel on Blacklick, Glades of Sandy-Creek, Crab-Orchard, Legonier-Valey, Ebenezer, Lebanon, Donegal, and Fairfield.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *April ye 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. McPherrin declared his acceptance of the Call from the United congregations of Unity and Salem.

Mr. Porter declared his acceptance of the Call from the united congregations of Polk-run and Congruity; and returned those from Delap's & George's Creeks, and Long-run and Seweekly; upon which the commissioners from these Congregations put in a request for supplies.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Smith's reasons for being absent from our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. James Finley and Mr. James Dunlap are now come, their reasons for not coming sooner are sustained, Mr. Dunlap's Elder is Joseph Morrison.

P.b.y find that all the persons present who had appointments for supplies have fulfilled them, except Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Brice each one Sab. their reasons for which are sustained.

A Call was brought in from the United congregations of Mill Creek and King's Creek, for Mr. Robert Finley, and he not being present, the P.b.y judge it proper that sd. Call should be forwarded to him as soon as may be for his consideration, and that he be required to give an answer as soon as possible.

Those congregations also applied for supplies, and particularly for the administration of the Lord's supper at King's Creek.

The congregation of Mingo-Creek supplicate for supplies.

The P.b.y, according to appointment, proceeded to the ordination of Mr. James Hughs, and did, by fasting and prayer, and with the imposition of the hands of the P.b.y, set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Smith preached on the occasion from Joh. 4. 36. And Mr. McMillan presided and gave the charge.

Mr. Hughs now takes his seat as a member. A supplication from Pittsburgh for supplies, and for liberty to apply to any other P.b.y, was brought in and read.

Mr. Barr appeared before P.b.y, and produced an attested copy of the judgment of the Committee of Synod, whereby it appears that he is restored to the exercise of his ministerial office; and made application for a dismission from this P.b.y in order to join that of New Castle.

The P.b.y after deliberating on the matter cannot see their way clear for giving him a dismission at this time;

1. Because they are not yet satisfied that all the charges which were proved against him before this P.b.y have been disproved.

2. Because there is a complaint lodged against him for disorderly conduct by three of the session of Pittsburgh congregation, which has not yet been examined into.

3. Because we have good reason to believe that he continued to preach while under suspension, and before the Committee reversed the judgment.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 6 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April ye 22d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Barr, who has leave of absence.

John Barnet now moves that the refferrence formerly brought in from ye. session of Labanon congregation in which he is concerned should be considered at our next fall meeting. Mr. Clark is appointed to furnish him with such papers as he shall think necessary for the trial, and citations for witnesses.

Mr. Porter is appointed to prepare a discourse on Eph. 6. 17. to be delivered at our next meeting as a part of trials for ordination.

Mr. McPherrin is appointed to prepare a discourse on Psal. 71. 16. to be delivered at our next meeting as a part of trials for ordination.

Adjourned to meet at Three Ridges at 1 o'clock P. M. Concluded with Prayer.

THREE RIDGES 1 *o'clock P. M.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

The P.b.y, according to appointment, proceeded to the ordination of Mr. John Brice, and did, by fasting, prayer and imposition of the hands of the P.b.y, set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Dod preached on the occasion from Gal. 1. 10. Mr. McMillan presided, and Mr. James Finley gave the charge.

Mr. Brice now takes his seat as a member.

The P.b.y find that the order of the Synod for raising contributions for the support of Missionaries to vacant congregations has been in part attended to, & order that those who have not complied with it,

do it, and pay the money raised to Mr. McMillan, who is appointed Treasurer, and report the same at our next meeting.

Mr. James Finley is appointed to supply at Delap's Creek ye 2d Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Supper.

Mr. Dunlap to supply at Delap's Creek ye 2d Sab. of August, at Muddy Creek ye 3d Sab. in May, at George's Creek ye 1st Sab. of July.

Mr. McMillan to supply at Long-run ye 4th Sab. in June, at Bethel on Blacklick ye 5th Sab. of August.

Mr. Patterson to supply at King's Creek one Sab. at discretion, at the mouth of Racoon the 2d Sab. of July.

Mr. Porter to supply at Pittsburgh the 3d Sab. in May, at Ebenezer the 2d Sab. in Augt.

Mr. Power and Mr. John Wright Elder, are appointed to attend the general Assembly as Commissioners from this P.b.y.

Mr. Finley reports that his congregations were clear with him Novembr ye 1st 1788.

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with his congregation whereby it appears yt. there was due to him on the 1st of Decembr last the just and full sum of £66.10.0.

Mr. Patterson produced settlements with his congregations, whereby it appears yt. there is due to him from the congregation of Racoon £5.15.0. and from the congregation of Mantures £5.17.10. which became due ye 22d of April 1790.

Mr. McMillan produced settlements whereby it appears that there is due to him from the congregation of Chartiers the just and full sum of £80.00.0. which became due ye 1st of Jan. 1790, and from the congregation of Pigeon-Creek the just and full sum of £80.10.10. which became due ye 1st of Novembr 1789.

The P.b.y agree that Mr. McPherrin, and Mr. Porter be ordained at our next meeting if the way be clear. Mr. Dunlap is appointed to preach the Ordination sermon, and Mr. Power to preside and give the charge.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 6 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *April ye 23d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered that the preceeding minutes of the present meeting of P.b.y be now read.

The P.b.y give liberty to Pittsburgh congregation to apply to any other P.b.y within the bounds of our Church for supplies.

Mr. Smith appointed to supply at Mingo Creek ye 1st Sab. in July, and one

Sab. at King's Creek at discretion to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Mr. Hughs to supply at Mill-Creek one Sab. at discretion, at Muddy-Creek ye 4th Sab. of June.

Mr. Brice to supply at Morgan-town ye 4th Sab. in June.

Mr. McPherrin to supply at Long-run ye 1st Sab. in May, at Fairfield the 1st Sab. in August.

Messrs. John Hannah and George Hill appeared before P.b.y, and having offered themselves to be taken on trials in order to their being licensed to preach the Gospel: the P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of their good moral conduct, and of their being regular members of the church, proceeded to converse with them upon their experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to them several cases of Conscience; and agreed to take them under their care, provided, in a future day, Mr. Hill give fuller satisfaction with regard to the subjects on which he has been conversed with.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine them on the Latin and Greek languages, and Mr. Hannah and Mr. Marshel on the Hebrew, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Hill is appointed to prepare an exegeses on this theme Quid est discrimen inter foedera Gratiæ et operum. And Mr. Hannah an exegeses on this theme, In quo constat essentia Fidei salvificæ; to be delivered at our next fall meeting.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. Robert Marshel, of his having gone through a regular course of litrature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in litrature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies: the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactoraly answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the P.b.y did, and hereby do license him, the sd. Robert Marshel, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever he shall be regularly called.

Mr. Marshel appointed to supply at Lebanon ye 1st Sab. in May, ye 2d Sab. at Long-run: the 3d at Seweekly, the 4th at Ebenezer: the 5th at Bethel on Blacklick. The 1st Sab. of June at Mill-Creek, the 2d at King's Creek, the 4th at Mingo Creek. The 1st Sab. of July at Delap's Creek, the 2d at Muddy-Creek,

the 3d at George's Creek, the 4th at Morgan town. The 1st Sab. of August at Randolph.

Mr. Clark to supply at Seweekly one Sab. at discretion; another at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. Smith reports that he has settled with his congregations, but forgot to bring in the accounts: he is therefore ordered to produce them at our next meeting.

Mr. Brice produced settlements whereby it appears that the congregation of Three-Ridges is indebted to him £24.18.0. and Wheeling congregation £29.00.0. which became due the 22d Inst.

Mr. Hughs produced settlements whereby it appears that the congregation of Buffalo is indebted to him £37.0.3. and Short-Creek £10.00.0. which became due ye 22d Inst.

The P.b.y finding that the congregation of Buffalo have paid but a small part of their Sallery to Mr. Hughs for the last year, order that notice be given to that congregation that unless they pay up their Sallery before the next meeting of P.b.y, Mr. Hughs will be under the necessity of removing from them.

Adjourned to meet the 3d tuesday of Septembr at James McKees in Congruity Cong. Concluded with Prayer.

Read & approved of thus far
WINCHESTER *Octr. 2nd* 1790.

Joseph Smith Modr.

TUESDAY *ye 21st of Septembr* 1790.

The P.b.y met at James McKee's according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Joseph Patterson and James Hughs.

Elders, Robert McComb, William McComb, Samuel McClane, James Ewen, and John Jack.

Absent the Revd. John Clark, Thaddeus Dod, Robert Finley, Samuel Barr and John Brice.

The P.b.y was opened by Messrs. Porter and McPherrin with discourses on the subjects appointed them at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial for Ordination.

The Stated Clerk being absent, Mr. Power was chosen Clerk pro tempore.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Septembr ye 22d.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session, which was done accordingly.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Power's reasons of absence from our last meeting are sustained.

The P.b.y find that the order of Synod for raising contributions for the support of Missionaries has been in part complied with, and that the sum received is 22.14.3.

Ordered that those who have not yet contributed, do it as soon as convenient.

The Revd. David Bard, lately a member of Carlisle P.b.y, being present and invited, sits as a correspondent.

The P.b.y, according to appointment, proceeded to the Ordination of Messrs. John McPherrin and Samuel Porter, and did by fasting and prayer, and with the imposition of the hands of the P.b.y set them apart to the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Dunlap preached on the occasion from Rom. 1. 16. Mr. McMillan presided, and Mr. James Finley gave the Charge. Mr. McPherrin and Mr. Porter now take their seats as members.

The congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitt's-township request the P.b.y to grant them such supplies as they can, and to use their best endavours at the next meeting of Synod to procure them such supplies as they shall find convenient.

Mr. Hughs is ordered to inform the congregation of Buffalo that a compliance with the order of P.b.y respecting a settlement will be expected by the next meeting of P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet at Round-Hill in the forks of Yough the third tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

WINCHESTER *September ye 30th* 1790.

The P.b.y met pro re nata. U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod, Robert Finley, Joseph Patterson, John McPherin, Samuel Porter and Samuel Barr.

The Synod having accepted the report of the Committee which met at Pittsburgh, whereby it appears that Mr. Barr is again restored to the full exercise of his ministry: and Mr. Barr having produced sufficient evidence to clear himself of the charge of disorderly conduct exhibited against him, by some members of the Session of Pittsburgh; now makes application for a dismission from this P.b.y in order to join the P.b.y of New-Castle, which was accordingly granted, and the Clerk is ordered to furnish him with suitable testimonials.

The Commission of Synod having represented to us that they had chosen Mr. Robert Marshel as a Missionary, provided the P.b.y

would recommend him: the P.b.y concurred therewith, and gave him such recommendations as were necessary.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place before appointed. Concluded with Prayer.

ROUND-HILL, TUESDAY *ye 19th of Octobr* 1790.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Robert Finley, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, and John McPherrin.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Smith, Thaddeus Dod, and Samuel Porter.

Elders present, Samuel Holiday, Patrick Scott, John Baird, Samuel Finley, James Ewing, John Vance, and James Barr.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Robert Finley with a sermon on 2. Cor. 6. 2.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, whereupon Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Patterson Clerk for the ensuing year.

A supplication for supplies from the congregations of Pittsburgh and Pitts-township, and particularly for Mr. Robert Finley, was brought in and read.

A supplication for supplies from a number of the inhabitants of Harrison County, and particularly for an ordained Minister, was brought in and read.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from L. Racoon, Monongahala County, George's Creek and Sandy-Creek.

Applications for supplies were made from Delap's Creek, Mingo-Creek, Mill-Creek, and Bethel on Blacklick.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye 20th of Octobr.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session, which was done accordingly.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Stated meeting of P.b.y.

Messrs. Clark's R. Finley's and Brice's reasons of absence from our last meeting are sustained.

The P.b.y continue their order for raising contributions for the support of Missionaries under the direction of the Synod of Virginia.

The congregation of Lower Buffalo not having complied with the requisition of P.b.y respecting Sallery; the P.b.y recommend it to the

congregations of Short Creek and L. Buffalo to alter their first plan, and enjoy Mr. Hugh's labours according to their strength.

Ordered that the minutes of our last Spring meeting respecting supplies be now read.

The P.b.y find that the members present have fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. McMillan and Hughs in one instance each, for which omission their reasons are sustained.

Mr. Clark is appointed to supply at Mingo-Creek two Sabs. at discretion.

Mr. James Finley is appointed to supply at Delap's Creek ye 4th Sab. of Novembr, at George's Creek the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Smith is appointed to supply at Mill Creek one Sab. at discretion, another Sab. at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. McMillan at Pittsburgh ye 4th Sab. of Novembr, at Mingo-Creek ye 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Power at Mingo-Creek ye 5th Sab. of Octobr, at Pittstownship ye 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Dunlap at Springer's Mill ye 1st Sab. of Novembr, at Sandy-Creek the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Robert Finley at George's Creek ye 4th Sab. of Octobr and the rest of the time untill our Spring meeting at discretion.

Mr. Patterson—at Mill-Creek ye 1st Sab. of March, and to catechise the congregation, at Lower Racoon one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Hughs at King's Creek ye 3d Sab. of Novembr, at Pitts township one Sab. in April.

Mr. Brice at the three Springs the 3d Sab. of November, at Big Wheeling the 2d Sab. of March.

Mr. McPherrin at L. Racoon the 4th Sab. of Octobr, at Fairfield the 1st Sab. of April.

Mr. Porter—at Blacklick the 4th Sab. of Novembr, at Delap's Creek the 1st Sab. of April.

The P.b.y proceeded to consider the refference, respecting John Barnet, from the Session of Labanon congregation, and having read the minutes of the Session relative thereunto, and heard all that was farther offered by the parties, agreed to defer the final determination thereof untill to morrow.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *Octobr ye 21st.*

The P.b.y met according to adjourment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except the Revd. Messrs. John McMillan, James Dunlap, Robert Finley, James Hughs, and John Brice; together with Patrick Scott, Samuel Finley and John Vance Elders who had leave of absence.

The Stated Moderator being absent, Mr. Clark is chosen Moderator pro tempore.

The P.b.y proceeded in the consideration of the refference respecting John Barnet, and after mature deliberation came to the following determination, viz:

That although the oath of Jane Miller appears to lay a ground of much suspicion of immodest conduct and language in John Barnet; yet as there are no circumstances to corroberate her evidence, and something in the acquitance she gave, that seems in some measure to weaken the force thereof; we are not clear peremptorily to judge him guilty, but must refer the matter to the judgement of ye great day, and in the mean time admonish him to such circumspection in his conduct as may tend to wipe away all grounds of suspicion respecting him.

Ordered that this judgment be publickly read in the congregation of Lebanon.

The P.b.y proceeded to converse with Mr. Hill on the subjects referred to in ye minutes of our last spring meeting, and received such satisfaction as induced them to take him on farther trials; accordingly he brought in and read the Exegesis formerly appointed to him, which was sustained as part of trials.

Mr. Hannah not being sufficiently prepared on the subject appointed to him at our last spring meeting: he is appointed to prepare an Exegesis on the same theme, and an Homily on Rom. 7. 9. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Hill is appointed to prepare an Homily on 1. Cor. 2. 14. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the last tuesday of December next. Concluded with prayer.

REHOBOTH *Decembr ye 28th* 1790.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U.P.P.S. The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John McMillan, James Power, Robert Finley, Joseph Patterson, John McPherrin and Samuel Porter.

Elders, John Power, Patrick McCullouch, and John Sheilds.

Absent, The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap, John Brice and James Hughs.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Porter with a sermon from Joh. 7. 37.

The Stated Moderator being absent, Mr. McMillan was chosen Moderator P. T.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y except so far as they respect supplies.

Mr. Porter's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Mr. Hannah brought in and read the Exegesis and homily on the subjects appointed him at our last meeting.

The P.b.y deferred coming to any final determination concerning them, untill they would examine him at some length on Divinity.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Decembr ye 29th.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Hill brought in and read an Homily on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

The P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Hannah at some length on divinity, and after maturely deliberating on the matter, and prayer to God for direction; from all the light which they could obtain, notwithstanding they felt tenderly for Mr. Hannah, and could not but entertain favourable hopes of his piety; yet taking into consideration his natural incapacity, his small acquaintance with divinity, after so long a time spent in study, and the small prospect of his ever taking that pains which is necessary in order to obtain a competent acquaintance with it; P.b.y were unanimously of oppinion that it was not their duty to encourage him to proceed any further on trials with a prospect of being licensed to preach the Gospel.

Adjourned to meet at Delap's Creek the third tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

DELAP'S CREEK TUESDAY *ye 19th of April* 1791.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Robert Finley, Joseph Patterson, John Brice, John McPherrin, and Samuel Porter.

Elders, Hugh Scott, John Jack, Joseph Caldwell, William McCandless, James Finley, William Sloan and James McClane.

Absent, The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, James Finley, Joseph Smith, Thaddeus Dod, and James Hughs.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Power with a sermon on 2. Sam. 23. 5.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y deferred till to-morrow.

The P.b.y proceeded to take in supplications for supplies.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from the congregations of Fairfield, Mill-Creek, Hollady's Cove, Ebenezer on Blacklick, & Sandy Creek.

Applications for supplies were made by the congregations of New-Providence, Delap's Creek, Long-run and Seweekly, Patterson's Creek, Clerksburgh, and King's Creek.

Ordered that the minutes of our last fall meeting respecting supplies be now read.

The P.b.y find that the members present have fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Power and Brice in one instance each, for which omission their reasons are sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *April ye 20th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, Joseph Smith and James Hughs are now come, their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The P.b.y find that Messrs. Finley, Smith and Hughs have fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Smith and Hughs in one instance each, for which omission their reasons are sustained.

Mr. James Finley is appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's supper at Delap's Creek on the 4th Sab. of August, and to supply at Seweekly one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Smith is appointed to supply at Mill-Creek the 4th Sab. of August and administer the Sacrament of the Supper; and one Sab. at Mingo-Creek at discretion.

Mr. McMillan is appointed to supply at Long-run, the 4th Sab. of July, at Mill-Creek the 3d Sab. of August.

Mr. Power is appointed to supply at Pigeon Creek ye 2d Sab. of May, at Pitt's township the 3d Sab. of August.

Mr. Dunlap to administer the Sacrament of the Supper at Sandy-Creek the 4th Sab. of August, and to supply there the preparation Sab.

Mr. Robert Finley is appointed to assist in administering the sacrament of ye supper at Delap's Creek the 4th Sab. of August, and to supply one sab. at Patterson's Creek at discretion.

Mr. Dod is appointed to assist Mr. Dunlap in administering the Lord's supper at Sandy-Creek ye 4th Sab. of August, and to supply at Delap's Creek ye 3d Sab. of Augt.

Mr. Patterson is appointed to supply at King's Creek ye 1st Sab. of August, at Pittsburgh one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. McPherrin is appointed to supply at Round Hill ye 3d Sab. of May, at Fairfield the 4th Sab. of August.

Mr. Brice at Muddy Creek one Sab. at discretion, at Hollady's Cove ye 3d Sab. of July.

Mr. Porter at Chartiers ye 3d Sab. of May, at Blacklick ye 1st Sab. of Septembr.

Mr. Hughs at Rehoboth ye 2d Sab. of May, at Mill-Creek the 4th Sab. of August.

Messrs. James Finley, James Dunlap, James Power and John McPherrin, or any two of them, are appointed a Committee for the purpose of examining and making out appointments for such ministers or probationers as may come to itenerate in our bounds.

Mr. James McGready being now detainedby in disposition of body in the bounds of the P.b.y of Orange, makes application by letter for a dismission in order to join sd. P.b.y.

The P.b.y agreed to grant his request and ordered the Clerk to transmit him a copy of this minute together with a letter of advice upon the occasion.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April the 21st.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

P.b.y agreed that a letter respecting the affair of Mr. McGready's dismission be sent to the Moderator of the P.b.y of Orange.

Mr. Smith produced settlements with his congregations whereby it appeared yt. there was due to him from Buffalo the sum of £56. 3. 11. and from Cross Creek the sum of £25.00.0. on the 1st Instant.

Mr. McMillan produced a settlement with the congregation of Pigeon Creek whereby it appeared that sd. congregation is indebted to him the sum of £60, which became due the first of Novembr, 1790.

Also a settlement with the congregation of Chartiers, whereby it appears that sd. congregation is indebted to him the sum of £60. 10. 8. which became due ye 1st of Jan. -91.

Mr. Patterson produced a settlement with Manture's congregation whereby it appeared that sd. congregation will be indebted to him against ye 22d Inst. the sum of £12-6-9.

Also a settlement with Racoon congregation, whereby it appeared that sd. congregation is clear with him untill ye 22d Inst.

Mr. Hughs produced a settlement with Short Creek Congregation whereby it appears yt. sd. congregation is indebted to him against ye 22d Inst. the sum of £27. 16. 7.

Also a settlement with Buffalo congregation whereby it appeared that sd. congregation will be indebted to him against ye 22d Inst. the sum of £57. 9. 8.

Mr. Brice produced a settlement with the congregation of Three Ridges whereby it appeared that said congregation will be indebted to him against ye 22d Inst. the sum of £25. 9. 7.

Also a settlement with the congregation of the forks of Wheeling whereby it appeared that there will be due to him from sd. congregation on the 22d Inst. the sum of £50. 00. 0.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with the congregation of Unity whereby it appeared that sd. congregation was indebted to

him on the 12th Inst. the sum of £15. 12. 1. Also a settlement with Salem whereby it appeared that sd. congregation was clear with him.

Mr. Porter reports that both his congregations are clear untill ye 1st Inst.

P.b.y find upon inquiry that the several congregations are satisfied with the care and diligence of their respective Pastors.

Ordered that the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y be now read.

Messrs. Smith's, Dunlap's, Hugh's and Brice's reasons for being absent from the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Mr. William Swan having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel; the P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his good moral character, of his having gone thro' a regular course of litrature, and of his being a regular member of the Church, proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take him on trials.

The P.b.y then proceeded to examine Mr. Hill and Mr. Swan at some length in divinity, and sustained their answers as parts of trial.

Mr. Hill is appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on Joh. 15. 5. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Swan is appointed to prepare an exegesis on this theme an gratia convertans, sit irrisistibilis, and an homily on Rom. 6. 23. to be delivered at our next meeting.

P.b.y appointed the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John McMillan and James Dunlap to represent them in the general assembly of this church at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers the last Tuesday of June next.

Concluded with Prayer.

CHARTIERS TUESDAY *the 28th of June* 1791.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, John McPherrin, and Samuel Porter.

Elders, William Smiley, Moses Coe, Jacob Cook, Allexander McCandless, John Moor, and John Guthrie.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power and Robert Finley.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Marshel with a sermon on Jer. 6. 4.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Messrs. Clark's and Dod's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

The members who were appointed to attend the meeting of the general assembly have fulfilled their appointment.

Mr. Swan brought in and read an exegesis on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *June ye 29th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Robert Finley having represented to P.b.y that probably he might be under the necessity of removing to Kentucky before their next meeting, therefore requested that a member might be appointed to furnish him with suitable credentials in case it should be necessary.

The P.b.y granted his request and appointed Mr. James Finley to write him a dismission and furnish him with proper credentials.

Mr. Hill brought in and read a presbeterial exercise on the subject assigned him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

Mr. Swan brought in and read an Homely on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Swan on the latin and Greek languages, which was sustained as part of trials.

Messrs. Clark and McPherrin obtained leave of absence.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. Hill and Swan somewhat farther on divinity, and sustained their answers as part of trials.

Mr. Hill is appointed to prepare a lecture on the eleventh Psalm to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Swan is appointed to prepare a presbeterial exercise on 1 Pet. 3. 18. and a lecture on the 60th Psalm, both to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Pigeon Creek ye 3d tuesday of October next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Read and approved thus far.
Winchester Octob'r ye 1st 1791. } John McMillan Mod'r.

PIGEON-CREEK, TUESDAY *ye 18th of October* 1791.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment. U. P. P. S. The Revd. Messrs. John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, James Dunlap, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs and Samuel Porter.

Elders James Dinsmore, James Edger, Patrick McCullouch, John Parker, Allexander Wright and James McKee.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power, Thaddeus Dod, John Brice and John McPherrin.

P.b.y was opened by Mesrs. Hill and Swan with discourses on the subjects appointed them at our last meeting: which were sustained as parts of trial.

The P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year; whereupon Mr. Porter was chosen Moderator and Mr. Hughs Clerk.

Agreeably to order supplications for supplies were brought in and read from the congregations of Fairfield, the mouth of King's Creek, Pittstownship & Long-run.

Applications for supplies were made by the congregations of Seweekly, Labanon, Mill-Creek, King's Creek, Ebenezer on Pukaty, Ebenezer on blacklick, Sandy Creek, Crab-Orchard, Mingo Creek, and Clerksburgh.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Octobr ye 19th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power, and Thaddeus Dod, together with John Power and Demas Lindsly Elders are now come, their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Mr. McPherrin informed us by letter that he was detained from attending the present meeting by sickness.

According to order the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y were read.

Mr. Power's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

The Treasurer reported that he had received from the following congregations the following contributions for the support of missionaries, viz: from

Mr. McMillan's congregations	£. 7. 12. 6.	from Mr. Clark's	£ 1. 7. 6
from Mr. Patterson's	4. 3. 9.	from Mr. Power's	2. 12. 0.
from Mr. McPherrin's	6. 8. 0.	from Mr. Smith's	17. 7. 0
from Mr. Hughs's	4. 6. 6.	In all	43. 15. 3.

for the payment of which into the hands of the commission of Synod he produced their receipt.

Mr. James Finley reported that according to appointment he had

wrote a dismission for Mr. Robert Finley and furnished him with proper credentials.

Agreeably to order the minutes of our last Spring meeting respecting supplies were read; whereupon it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs. Finley, Power and Hughs in one instance each, for which their reasons were sustained.

Upon motion Ordered that the members and Probationers under our care keep a particular account of the sums received at the different places where they supply, and make report at our Spring and fall meetings; and that Vacancies be ordered to inform P.b.y at our next Spring-meeting what plans they have fallen upon for the discharge of supplies and promoting of religion among them.

Mr. James Finley was appointed to supply at Seweekly ye 3d Sab. of Novembr, at Long-run ye 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Clark—at Lebanon ye 4th Sab. of Decembr, at Mingo-Creek ye 4th Sab. of March.

Mr. Smith—at Morgan town ye 1st Sab. of April, at King's Creek one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. McMillan was appointed to supply two Sabs. at discretion both as to time & place.

Mr. Dod—at Delap's Creek ye 1st Sab. of Novembr, and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan town ye 4th Sab. of Novembr, at Sandy-Creek ye 3d Sab. of March.

Mr. Patterson—at Mill-Creek ye 1st Sab. of Decembr, and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Hughs—at Holliday's Cove, ye 4th Sab. of Novembr, at Pittstownship one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Brice—at Mill-Creek ye 1st Sab. of April, at Mingo-Creek ye 3d Sab. of Decembr.

Mr. Porter—at Pittsburgh ye 3d Sab. of Decembr, at Bethel on black-lick ye 1st Sab. of March.

Mr. McPherrin—one Sab. at Fairfield, and another at Ebenezer on Pukaty both at discretion.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *October ye 20th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Porter who had leave of absence, and Mr. McKee, and Mr. Wright who went off without leave.

According to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Ordered that those who have not brought in their contributions for the support of missionaries, bring them in at our next meeting.

The P.b.y after conversing upon the recommendation of Synod respecting Baptism, deferred the further consideration thereof untill the Spring meeting.

The P.b.y after considering a recommendation of Synod respecting the institution of Seminaries of learning for the purpose of educating pious youth for the Ministry, did approve thereof: which is as follows.

As the supplying the churches with a pious and well qualified ministry is of acknowledged importance. Overtured

1st. That the Synod of Virginia undertake the patronage of a Seminary of learning for the purpose of educating young men for the Gospel ministry.

2ly. That they devise means for supporting or assisting young men of piety and genius in procuring an education, who may not be possessed of sufficient property for that purpose.

The Synod highly approve of the proposition contained in the overture, as they are well convinced of the necessity of extending the opportunities of acquiring knowledge, and especially the knowledge of the doctrines of religion to all who intend to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Taking this measure therefore into serious consideration, the Synod recommended that there be two general institutions for learning conducted under the patronage of this body—One to be established in Rockbridge County in Virginia, under the care of the Revd. William Graham as the President.—The other in Washington County Pennsylvania, under the care of the Revd. John McMillan The principles upon which these institutions are to be conducted, are to be as follow.

1st. The learned languages, and usual circle of sciences shall be taught in them to as many as may be sent there for instruction.

2ly. During the course of accademical education, and from the first initiation of the students into the Seminaries, a course of religious instruction shall also be entered upon and continually adhered to during their residence there, according to the principles of our church—Books of a practicall and doctrinal nature shall be put into their hands at once. Chatechetical Lectures shall be established and examinations entered into upon their progress in this kind of knowledge from time to time. The attention to these studies shall be keept up during the whole of their accademical course, and suited to the capacities and progress of the youth.

3ly. The P.b.y of Lexington and Hanover shall be the Trustees of the Seminary in Rockbridge; to cherish it by their influence, and pointedly to attend the examinations of the Students either in a collective capacity, or by committees from their respective bodies duly appointed—The P.b.y of Redstone shall in like manner superintend the Seminary in Washington County.

4ly. In one or other of these Institutions it is the advice of the Synod that all the youth within our bounds who intend to engage in the ministry of the Gospel shall be instructed.

5ly. As there are a number of pious youth of promising genius in our Country who might be very servisable in preaching the Gospel, but thro' want of sufficient ability are unable to obtain an education, it is the intention and desire of Synod the ministers in their respective P.b.ys shall seek out such, and that they, being examined and approved by the P.b.y, shall be placed in the respective Seminaries at the expence of the P.b.y who shall approve them.

6ly. In order to obtain the proper supplies for such indigent students the P.b.y.s are exhorted to use their influence in their respective bounds with the pious and benevolent to make annual contributions for raising a fund for this purpose; this fund to be placed in the hands of treasurers appointed by the Synod, who are to return annual accounts of recepts and expenditures; and from it the youth upon the foundation are to draw their supplies by an order from their respective Presidents. And those youth, upon obtaining their education, at the expiration of one year after being settled in some line of business, shall begin to refund to the Treasury the expences of their education in such time and manner as the P.b.y may direct.

7ly. The Rules of these Seminaries, and the mode of education therein shall be submitted by the Presidents to the respective P.b.y.s for their approbation.

The P.b.y therefore order their members to use their best endavours to obtain contributions for the above purpose, and put them into the hands of Mr. McMillan, who is appointed Treasurer, as soon as possible, and of their diligence herein to render an account at our next Spring meeting.

Agreeably to a recommendation of Synod respecting the religious observation of the Lord's day - Ordered that each minister of this P.b.y shall read sd. recommendation in their respective congregations, and engage spiritedly in complying with the same.

Mr. Swan brought in and read a presbyterial exercise on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as part of trials.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mesrs. Hill and Swan upon Natural and Moral Philosophy, and sustained their answers as part of trials. Mr. Hill was appointed to prepare a popular sermon on Matt. 28. 20. And Mr. Swan also to prepare a popular sermon on 1. Tim. 1. 15. both to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Bethel the 3d. tuesday of Decembr. next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Bethel tuesday *ye. 20th. of Decembr.* 1791.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. The Revd. Mesrs. James Finley, John Clark, Joseph Smith, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod. Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, John McPherrin and Samuel Porter.

Elders, John Sheilds, James Brice, Moses Coe, Samuel Riddle, John Sheilds and James Parr.

Absent the Revd. Mesrs. James Power and James Dunlap.

The P.b.y was opened by Mr. Swan with a sermon on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

The Revd. Jacob Jennings of the low dutch church being present and invited sat as a correspondent.

Agreeably to order the minutes of our last meeting, except so far as they respect supplies, were read.

Mr. Brice's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

Mr. David Smith having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel: the P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his having gone thro' a regular course of litriture, of his good moral character, and of his being a regular member of the church, proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take him on trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *Decembr. ye. 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

Mr. Dunlap is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Andrew Howell, Mr. Finley's Elder is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Mr. Hill delivered a discourse on the subject appointed him at our last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

James McConnel, Mr. Brice's Elder, is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Revd. Thomas Cooly, late a member of the P.b.y of Charlestown, appeared before us and produced a dismission and testimonials from sd. P.b.y together with testimonials from a number of dissenting ministers in England, and desired to be received as a member with us.

The P.b.y after maturely deliberating upon the matter could not see their way clear to receive him upon his credentials from that P.b.y, as it is a P.b.y unknown to us, and not in subordination to the genneral Assembly; but proceeded to converse with him as a minister from foreign parts, agreeably to the direction of the genneral Synod in such cases; and obtained such satisfaction as induced them to employ him in their vacancies, untill the next meeting of Synod: yet they expect that he will, before the meeting of Synod, produce some letters of recommendation from Ministers in S. Carolina known to them.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *Decembr. ye. 22d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. David Smith on the learned languages and divinity, and sustained his performances on these branches as part of trials. Also Mesrs. Hill and Swan on divinity and sustained their answers as part of trials.

P.b.y. having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mesrs. Hill and Swan, of their having gone through a regular course of litrature, of their good moral character, and of their being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in litrature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the P.b.y did, and hereby do license them, the sd. Mesrs. Hill and Swan, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this P.b.y or wherever they may be orderly called.

Mr. Jennings having expressed a desire of continuing some time in our bounds, was appointed to supply at Delap's Creek and Muddy Creek as much as convenient between this and our next spring meeting.

Mr. Cooly was appointed to supply in our vacancies at discretion, particularly in Harrison County.

Mr. Hill was appointed to supply at George's Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of Jany, at Morgantown ye. 4th. at Sandy Creek ye. 5th. at Fairfield ye. 1st. Sab. of Feby. at Ebenezer ye. 2d. at Bethel ye. 3d. at Long-run ye. 4rh., at Seweekly ye. 1st Sab. of March; ye. 2d. Sab. at discretion. At the mouth of Racoon the 3d. at Mill Creek ye. 4th. at King's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of April. At Holliday's Cove ye. 2d. Sab.

Mr. Swan was appointed to supply at Mingo Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of Jany. at Lebanon ye. 4th. at Pitts Township ye. 5th. at Ebenezer on Puckety ye. 1st. Sab. of Feby. at Fairfield ye. 2d. at Bethel on Black-lick ye. 1st. Sab. of March. at Ebenezer ye. 2d. at Seweekly ye. 3d. at Long-run ye. 4th. at Mill Creek ye. 2d. Sab. of April.

The 3d. thursday in Jany. next was appointed to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, particularly on account of the situation of our Country with respect to the savages.

Mr. David Smith was appointed to prepare an exegesis on the following Quo modo miracula probant scripturas sacras esse divinas, and an Homily on Rom. 8. 6. both to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Round-Hill the 3d. tuesday of April next.

Concluded with Prayer.

TUESDAY *ye. 17th. of April* 1792.

the P.b.y met at Round Hill according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Mesrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Thaddeus Dod, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John McPherrin and Samuel Porter.

Elders, George Sheilds, John Giffin, Samuel Mclane, Thomas Hall, John Hamelton, William Waddel, Thomas Marquis, & William McComb.

Absent the Revd. Mesrs. Joseph Smith and John Brice.

The P.b.y was opened by the Revd. Thomas Cooly with a sermon on 2 Cor. 12. 9.

The Revd. Jacob Jennings formerly a member of the reformed dutch Church of new-York and N. Jersey applied to be received as a member of this P.b.y, and upon producing sufficient testimonials of his regular licensure and ordination by the Synod of sd. Church, together with other certificates of his good moral and christian character for many years past, was accordingly received and took his seat as a member.

Upon reading the minutes of our last fall meeting respecting supplies, it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Clark and Mr. Porter in one instance each, for which their reasons were sustained.

The united congregations of Delap's Creek and Muddy Creek presented a Call to the Revd. Jacob Jennings, which being read was delivered to him for his consideration.

The united congregations of Fairfield, Donegal & wheatfield; as also the united congregations of mill Creek and King's Creek presented each a Call to Mr. George Hill, which having been read, were delivered to him for his consideration.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye.* 18*th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last session.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Middle Town and Harrison, from three Springs, and long-run.

Applications for supplies were made by Ebenezer on Puckety, Pitt's-township, Ebenezer on black-lick, George's Creek, Morgan Town, Lebanon, mingo Creek, and Sandy Creek.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last meeting.

Mr. Power's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

The P.b.y find that the appointment respecting the fast day has been complied with.

Mr. Finley was appointed to supply at Chartiers ye. 3d. Sab. of may. at Unity the 4th. Sab. of may.

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Mr. Clark—to supply at Pidgeon Creek the 2d. & 4th. Sabs. of May. at Pittsburgh ye. 1st. Sab. of July. and Mingo Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of July. At Lebanon ye. 1st. Sab. of August.

Mr. McMillan—to supply at Lebanon ye. 3d. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Power—at Ebenezer on black-lick ye. 2d. Sab. of may, at George's Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the L. Supper.

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan-town ye. 3d. Sab. of June. at George's Creek ye. 3d. of Augt.

Mr. Jennings having declared his acceptation of the Call from Delap's Creek and Muddy Creek, was appointed to supply at George's Creek the 2d. Sab. of August. At Sandy Creek ye. 4th. Sab. of June.

Mr. Dod—at crab-orchard ye. 3d. Sab. of June, at Sandy Creek ye. 4th. Sab. of June, and administer the sacrament of the L. Supper.

Mr. Patterson—at Mingo Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of July, & one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Hughs—at Three Springs the 1st. Sab. of July, at Mill Creek ye. 2d. S. of Augt.

Mr. Brice—at King's Creek, one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Cooly—at Pitt's township ye. 4th. Sab. of April. at mingo Creek ye. 5th and 1st. Sab. of May. at George's Creek ye. 2d. and the remainder of his time at Clarksburgh and Middle town.

Mr. Swan—at George's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of May. at Sandy-Creek ye. 2d. at Crab-orchard ye. 3d. at Seweekly the 4th. at Long-run ye. 1st. Sab. of June. at Mingo Creek the 3d. at Pitts township ye. 4th. at Ebenezer on Puckety the 1st. Sab. of July. at Black lick ye. 2d. & 3d. at Seweekly the 1st. Sab. of Augst. at Long-run ye. 2d. at Three Springs ye. 4th. at Lebanon ye. 3d. Sab. of Septembr. the remaining Sabs. untill our fall meeting at discretion.

P.b.y upon enquiry found that several of the members have done something considerable towards raising a fund for the education of poor and pious youth, according to an order at our last fall meeting: and further order that the respective members go on to attend to this matter, and report what progress they have made therein at our next fall meeting.

The P.b.y taking into their serious consideration the recommendation of Synod respecting periodical baptism, cannot see sufficient ground from Scripture authority for their compliance therewith.

An appeal from a judgement of the session of Salem congregation in a matter between Elizabeth Tremble and Nancy Woodend was brought in and read—P.b.y after deliberating on the matter, agreed to appoint Mesrs. Finley and Power, together with John Sheilds and John Moor Elders as a committe to take up the matter de novo; to meet at the house of John Taylor on the 4th. monday of may next at 8 o'Clock A. M.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye.* 19*th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Session.

Mr. Hill declared his acception of the call from the united congregations of Fairfield, Donegal and Wheatfield; and returned the Call from the united congregations of Mill-Creek and King's Creek.

Mr. Hill was appointed to supply one Sab. at George's Creek, and another at Sandy-Creek, both at discretion as to time.

Mr. Hill is appointed to prepare a discourse on Prov. 11. 30. to be delivered at our next meeting as a part of trials for ordination.

Mr. Clark produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due to him from the congregation of Bethel on the 1st. of Octobr. last ye. sum of £134. 13. 11.

Mr. McMillan reported that Chartiers congregation was clear with him untill the 1st. of January last.

Mr. Patterson reports that Racoon congregation will be indebted to him on the 22d. Instant the sum of £9. 12. 1. and Mantures run at the same time, the sum of £16. 9. 4.

Mr. McPherrin produced settlements whereby it appeared that there was due to him from Salem congregation the sum of £31. 19. 8. and from Unity the sum of £19. 8. 7. on the 1st. Instant.

Mr. Porter reports that both his congregations were clear with him on the 1st. Instant.

Mr. Hughs produced settlements whereby it appeared that there was due to him from Short-Creek congregation the sum of £39. 2. 8. and from Buffalo the sum of £67. 15. 0.

Upon enquiry it was found that the congregations are satisfied with the care and diligence of their respective Pastors.

Mr. Thomas Marquis having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel: the P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his having gone through a regular course of litrature, of his good moral character, and of his being a regular member of the church proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience, and having obtained satisfaction on these points agreed to take him on trials.

Mr. Marquis was appointed to prepare an Exegesis on the following theme viz: An reatus peccati Adami, omnibus suis posteris, naturali generatione ab eo oriundis, imputatur: to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Jennings and Mr. Hughs, together with Mr. Hall Elder obtained leave of absence.

The Stated Clerk being absent, Mr. Patterson was chosen Clerk pro tempore.

The P.b.y appointed the Revd. Mesrs. John McMillan, John McPherrin & Samuel Porter, as Commissioners on their behalf to represent them at the genneral assembly of the presbyterian church of north America at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Chartiers on the 4th. tuesday of June next

Concluded with Prayer.

Tuesday *ye. 26th. of June* 1792.

the P.b.y met at Chartiers according to adjournment U. P. P. S.

the Revd. Mesrs. John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Thaddeus Dod, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, John McPherrin and Samuel Porter.

Elders, Thomas Brecken, William Gordon, John Steel, John McPherrin, and Thomas Marshell.

Absent the Revd. Mesrs. James Finley and Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Patterson with a sermon on John. 10. 14.

P.b.y found that the Revd. Joseph Smith was removed by death on the 19th. of April last.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last meeting except so far as they respect supplies.

Mr. Brice's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

Mr. David Smith having been detained from our last meeting by the sickness and death of his Father, now brought in and read an exegesis upon the theme appointed him at our last winter meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

Mr. Hill having informed P.b.y by letter that he could not attend our present meeting to deliver ye. discourse appointed him, is therefore required to attend to it at our next.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *ye. 27th.*

The P.b.y. met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Mr. Finley is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Session.

The committe appointed to meet on the affair of the appeal from the session of Salem congregation reported, that they met accordingly, but found that they could not proceed, because the witnesses, tho' cited, did not attend. That therefore they had recommended to the parties to call the assistance of some of their Elders, and endavour to have the affair accommodated. Which report was approved.

Mr. Smith brought in and read an homily on the subject appointed him at our last winter meeting: also a presbyterial exercise on Heb. 4. 11. which tho' not appointed him by P.b.y, as he was necessarily detained from our last meeting, and so had no part of trials given him, yet was received as tho' it had been appointed, and both were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Marquis brought in and read an exegesis on the theme appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trials.

Mr. Boyd Mercer having offered himself to be taken on trials in order to his being licensed to preach the Gospel. The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials of his having gone thro' a regular course of litrature, of his good moral character, and of his being a regular member of the church; proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and proposed to him several cases of Conscience; and having obtained satisfaction on these points, agreed to take him on trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *ye. 28th. of June.*

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except Mr. Clark who had leave of absence.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Session.

The P.b.y having taken into consideration a refference from the session of Round-Hill, were of opinion that they had not sufficient evidence to prove that John Crawford is the father of Hannah Burney's child, and that sd. Burney be admitted to give satisfaction in the common mode.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mesrs. Marquis and Mercer on the latin and Greek languages, and Mr. Smith on the Hebrew, and sustained their performances on these branches as parts of trial.

Mr. McMillan and Mr. Brice's Elder obtained leave of absence.

P.b.y renewed their order respecting the raising of collections for the support of Missionaries agreeably to the plan of Synod: and ordered their members to bear or convey sd. collections to the treasurer of the Commission at the next meeting of Synod.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members appointed to represent this P.b.y at the genneral assembly of the Presbyterian Church of N. America at their last Spring meeting have fulfilled their appointment.

Mr. Smith was appointed to prepare a lecture on Heb. 6. 1–6. and Mr. Marquis an Homily on Rom. 8. 14. and Mr. Mercer an Exegesis on the following theme An decreta Dei conditionaeia vel absoluta sint: all to be delivered at our next meeting.

The united congregations of Cross-Creek and Buffalo being left vacant by Mr. Smith's decease, made application for supplies; whereupon

Mr. McPherrin was appointed to supply at Buffalo ye. 1st. Sab. of July, and Mr. McMillan at Cross-Creek ye. 5th. Sab. of July.

Adjourned to meet at Pidgeon Creek ye. 3d. tuesday of October next
Concluded with Prayer.

PIDGEON CREEK TUESDAY *ye. 16th. of October* 1792

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Mesrs. John Clark, John McMillan, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, John McPherrin and Samuel Porter.

Elders, Alexander Baily, William Brown, John Baird, Thomas Armstrong, Peter Wallace, James Edger, and Hugh Scott.

Absent the Rev. Mesrs. James Finley, James Power, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap and Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y was opened by Mesrs. Hill and Smith with discourses on subjects appointed them at former meetings: which were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Patterson was chosen moderator and Mr. McPherrin Clerk.

P.b.y proceed to receive Calls and supplications for supplies.

The united congregation of Mingo Creek and Horse shoe-bottom: as also the united congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on black-lick; and the united congregations of Long-run and Seweekly; and the united congregations of Mill-Creek and King's Creek presented each a call to Mr. William Swan, which being read were delivered to him for his consideration.

An application was received from Lebanon congregation for supplies.

Mr. Jennings is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Octobr. ye. 17th*, —92.

The P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Session.

Ordered to read the minutes of our meeting in June last.

Mr. Jenning's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

P.b.y upon enquiry found that the members present have fulfilled their appointments.

Mr. Swan returned the Calls from the united congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on Black-lick, as also from Mingo creek and Horse-shoe-bottom, and requested longer time to determine respecting the other Calls put into his hands by P.b.y.

Applications for supplies were made from the congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on Black-lick, George's Creek, Buffalo and Cross Creek, Pittstownship, Ebenezer on Puckety, Mingo Creek, Horse-shoe-bottom, & Three Springs.

Mr. Clark was appointed to supply at Cross Creek ye. 2d. Sab. of Novembr. at Lebanon ye. 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. McMillan—at Buffalo ye. 1st. Sab. of Decembr. at Mingo Creek ye. 4th. S. of March.

Mr. Finley at Horse-shoe bottom ye. 4th. Sab. of Novembr. and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Power—at Pitt's township ye. 4th. Sab. of Novembr. and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dunlap—at George's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of Decembr. at Sandy Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Dod—at Buffalo ye. 4th. Sab. of Novembr. at Cross Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Jennings—at Buffalo ye. 2d. Sab. of Decembr. at Morgan town ye. 1st. S. of April.

Mr. Patterson—at mingo Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of March: at Puckety ye. 2d. Sab. of Novembr.

Mr. Hughs—at Lebanon ye. 3d. Sab. of Novembr. at three Springs ye. 1st. Sab. of March.

Mr. Brice—at Horse-shoe bottom ye. 4th. Sab. of Feby. and one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Porter—at Bethel on black lick ye. 4th. Sab. of Novembr. at Pitts' township ye. 3d. Sab. of March.

Mr. McPherrin—at Puckety ye. 1st. Sab. of April. at Ebenezer on Blacklick ye. 2d. Sab. of Novembr.

Mr. Hill at George's Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of Octobr. at Bethel on Blacklick ye. 4th. Sab. of March.

P.b.y find that agreeably to the order of the genneral Assembly Mr. Cooly's testimonials were laid before Synod, and that the Synod, from the pecular nature of sd. testimonials, suspected the authenticity of them, and therefore agreed to retain them, and lay them before the general Assembly next Spring: also finding that Mr. Cooly has not complied with the order of P.b.y respecting letters of recommendation from Ministers in S. Carolina, did not see their way clear to employ him any longer untill farther satisfaction be obtained respecting these matters.

The P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of congruity congregation respecting a certain James Christy and Rebecca Gordon. After hearing all the minutes of the Session relating to that affair, and duely deliberating thereon P.b.y were unanimously of opinion that no credit ought to be given to the oath of Rebecca Gordon, and therefore that there is no sufficient evidence to criminate sd. Christy as being the Father of sd. Gordon's child, yet as there appeared to have been unbecoming conduct between the above mentioned parties, P.b.y. judged that neither of them ought to be admitted to distinguishing privileges, untill Providence shall shed further light upon the matter.

P.b.y agreed to ordain Mr. George Hill on the 2d. Tuesday of Novembr. at Fairfield, and appointed Mr. Porter to preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. Power to preside and give the charge.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the following contributions for the support of Missionaries viz: from

	£.s.d.		
Mr. McPherrin	5.2.0	from Mr. Dunlap	5.16.9
from Mr. Hughs	3.0.0	from Mr. McMillan	0.15.0

in all 14.13.9. for the payment of which into the hand of the treasurer of the Commission of Synod, he produced his receipt.

The P.b.y having received a dismission and certificate from the

Commission of Synod testifying that Mr. Robert Marshal had conducted himself in a becoming manner while riding a Missionary under their care and direction, and also a letter from Mr. Marshal requesting a dismission from them to join the P.b.y of Transylvania, agreed to grant his request, and recommend him as a Licentiate in good standing.

Ordered that the Clerk transmit a coppy of this minute to Mr. Marshal.

Upon enquiry it was found that a number of the members had done something considerable towards raising a fund for the education of poor and pious youth; and that it is the design of all the members present to do what they can in this matter.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 10 o'clock

Concludedwith Prayer.

THURSDAY *Octobr. ye.* 18.—92.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except the Revd. John Clark, and John Baird and William Brown Elders.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last Session.

Mesrs. Marquis and Mercer brought in and read discourses on ye. subjects appointed them at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Synod having appointed the 2d. thursday of Novembr. next to be observed as a day of solemn fasting and prayer, to supplicate Almighty God to pour out his holy spirit upon our assemblies, and to revive religion in our churches; also to return God humble thanks for the divine influences he has already granted to some places in our bounds: P.b.y heartily concurred with the appointment, and enjoined it upon the churches in their bounds carefully to observe the same.

Mr. Swan requested leave to retain the calls now in his hands untill the next meeting of P.b.y, as he was not clear to accept or reject either of them at present. P.b.y granted his request and appointed him to supply those places from which he had calls untill their next meeting.

P.b.y unanimously agreed to appoint Canonsburgh to be the seat of that institution of learning which they are appointed by Synod to superintend, and that all young men taken upon the fund for the support of poor and pious youths shall be educated there.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mesrs. Smith, Marquis & Mercer on moral Philosophy and Marquis and Mercer at some length on divinity and sustained their performances on these branches as parts of trials.

Mr. Smith was appointed to prepare a popular sermon on Joh. 15.

12. and Mr. Marquis a presbeterial exercise on Gal. 4. 4, 5. And Mr. Mercer an homily on Isa. 64. 6. all to be delivered at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Fairfield the Second tuesday of Novembr. next

Concluded with Prayer.

FAIRFIELD *Novembr. ye. 13th.* 1792.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Mesrs. James Power, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John McPherrin, & Samuel Porter.

Elders, John Sheilds, William Waddle, and John Giffen.

Absent the Revd. Mesrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings and John Brice.

P.b.y proceeded to set apart Mr. George Hill to the holy office of the Gospel ministry according to our constitution, Mr. Porter preached upon the occasion, and Mr. Power presided and gave the charge. Mr. Hill then took his seat as a member.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning, at the house of John McNoher, at 9 o,clock Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Novembr. ye. 14th.* 1792.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last meeting, except so far as they respect supplies.

Mr. Power's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

Upon motion it was agreed to reconsider the propriety of appointing Canonsburgh the seat of that institution of learning which P.b.y are appointed to superintend, at our next Spring meeting.

Mr. Samuel Mahon a Licentiate formerly under the care of Carlisle P.b.y, having accepted a Call in our bounds, professed a desire to be taken under the care of this P.b.y: and having produced a certificate of his good standing as a Licentiate with that body, and a regular dismission from them, was accordingly received: whereupon he was appointed to deliver a discourse on Joh. 6. 44. at our next meeting, and to supply at Pittsburgh untill that time. Mr. Smith delivered a discourse on the subject appointed him at our last meeting which was sustained as a part of trials.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mesrs. Smith and Mercer on natural Philosophy & sustained their performances on this subject as a part of trials.

P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. David Smith, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction, as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed: the P.b.y did, and hereby do license him, the said David Smith, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Mesrs. Marquis and Mercer brought in and read discourses on the subjects appointed them at our last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Marquis was appointed to prepare a lecture on Eph. 5. 1–6. and a sermon on Isa. 60. 1. and Mr. Mercer a presbeterial exercise on Heb. 10. 1. and lecture on Rom. 5. 12–21. all to be delivered at our next meeting.

Mr. Swan having requested longer time to determine respecting the acceptance of a Call, was indulged in his request, and appointed to supply in those congregations whose calls are now in his hands as much as convenient untill his mind is determined.

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at Ebenezer on Black-lick ye. 3d. Sab. of Novembr. at Bethel on Black lick ye. 4th. Sab. at Ebenezer on Puckety ye. 1st. Sab. of Decembr. at Pittstownship ye. 2d. Sab. at Long-run ye. 3d. Sab. at Sewekly ye. 4th. Sab. at Lebanon ye. 5th. Sab. at Mingo Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of Jany. at Horse-shoe bottom ye. 2d. Sab. The 3d. & 4th. Sabs. of January at discretion. at Mill Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of Feb. at King's Creek ye. 2d. Sab. at three Springs ye. 3d. Sab. the 4th. Sab. at discretion, at George's Creek ye. 1st Sab. of March, at Sandy Creek ye. 2d. Sab. at Crab-Orchard ye. 3d. Sab. at Morgan town ye. 4th. Sab. at George's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of April.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth ye. 3d. Tuesday of April next.
Concluded with Prayer.

REHOBOTH, *April ye. 16th.* 1793.

the P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. the Revd. Mesrs. James Finley, John Clark, John McMillan, James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, and George Hill.

Elders, Robert More, James Allison, John Neel, John Allen, An-

drew Frazer, James Ewin, Joseph Thorn, John Donaughy, John Cowen & George McCullough. Absent the Revd. Mr. Thaddeus Dod.

P.b.y was opened by Mesrs. Mahon, Marquis and Mercer with discourses on the subjects assigned them at our last meeting.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday, *April ye.* 17*th*, —93.

the P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last session.

The discourses delivered yesterday by Mesrs. Marquis and Mercer were sustained as parts of trial.

Mesrs. Robert Galbraith and John Wilken appeared before P.b.y, and proposed to produce evidence in order to exculpate themselves from a certain crime which had been laid to their charge, and upon the account of which they had been laid under censure by the Synod, viz: that they had confessed themselves to be influenced by fraudulent motives in their prosecution of Mr. Barr; and P.b.y finding that they were authorized by Synod to take evidence and determine respecting the propriety of sd. censure, proceeded to hear and examine such witnesses as were produced.

The Revd. James Finley being solemnly called upon to declare the truth, saith that being present he does not remember to have heard either Robert Galbraith or John Wilken express any thing to the committee of Synod met at Pittsburgh signifying their design of defrauding Mr. Barr of his salery; nor does he think that any such Idea, as is expressed in the minutes of the Committe of Synod, in which sd. Gentlemen are represented as having been influenced by a fraudulent design against Mr. Barr, was held forth by them.

That he does not remember that sd. gentlemen were called upon collectively or individually to appear as prosecutors against Mr. Barr, but that the general question being put by the Committee, who will come forward and prosecute Mr. Barr, they declared their willingness to appear before them in the same manner that they had formerly done before the P.b.y of Redstone.

William Dunning being solemnly called upon to declare the truth saith, that being present the whole time that the Committe of Synod sat at Pittsburgh on Mr. Barr's affair, he did not hear either Mr Galbraith or Mr. Wilken express any design of defrauding the Revd. Samuel Barr of his salary before sd. Committe; that neither of sd. Gentlemen were present after the first day that the Committe of Synod sat: That sd. Gentlemen were not called upon collectively or severally

to appear as prosecutors against Mr. Barr, but that the general question being put, who will come forward and prosecute Mr. Barr? they declare their willingness to appear before them in the same manner that they had formerly done before the P.b.y of Redstone.

The P.b.y after fully hearing the matter, and examining the witnesses that were produced, and from the knowledge that they have of the conduct of Mesrs. Galbraith and Wilken throughout the whole of this affair do judge that they ought not any longer to be held under censure, as it does not appear that they have been guilty of the crimes alledged against them.

P.b.y proceeded to take in supplications for supplies.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from Sandy Creek and Crab-Orchard, from the forks of ten-mile and Pike run, from buffalo and Cross Creek, from Harison County, Middle town and Morgan town.

Applications for supplies were made from Lebanon, Mingo Creek & horse shoe bottom, Mill Creek and King's Creek, Pittstownship and Ebenezer on puckety, from George's Creek, Cambel's tent, and Bethel and Ebenezer on Blacklick.

Ordered to read the minutes of our last fall's meeting so far as they respect supplies: which was done: whereupon it was found that the members present have fulfilled their appointments.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Sessions of P.b.y.

Mesrs. Finley's, Clark's, McMillan's Dunlap's, Jening's and Brice's reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Mr. Swan declared his acceptance of the Call from Long-run and Seweekly, whereupon a Commissioner in behalf of sd. congregations requested that Mr. Swan might be ordained as soon as convenient.

Mr. Clark was appointed to supply at Mingo Creek one Sab. at discretion: at Buffalo the 2d. Sab of August.

Mr. McMillan was appointed to supply at Cross Creek ye. 2d. Sab. of May and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper. At Mill-Creek ye. 2d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Power—to supply at Lebanon the 3d. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At Bethel on Black-lick one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Dunlap—at Crab-Orchard ye. 3d. Sab. of August, at Morgan town ye. 4th. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper at each of those places.

Mr. Patterson—to supply at Cross Creek ye. 1st. & 2d. Sabs. of May.

Mr. Hughs—to supply at Mill Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Brice—to supply at Mill-Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of August, and one Sab. at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. McPherin—to supply at Sandy Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of April, at George's Creek the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Porter —to supply at Ebenezer on black-lick ye. 1st. Sab. of May, at George's Creek the 3d. Sab. of August, and administer the sacrament of ye. Lord's Supper.

Mr. Hill—to supply at George's Creek ye. 3d. Sab. of April, at Lebanon the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Swan—at Mingo Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of May, at Morgan town ye. 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith—to supply at Horse shoe bottom ye. 3d. Sab. of April, at buffalo the 4th. Sab. at Pike-run ye. 1st. Sab. of August, at George's Creek ye. 2d. Sab. At Crab Orchard ye. 3d. Sab. ye. 4th. at discretion, at Clark'sburgh ye. 1st. Sab. of Septembr. at Tygar's vally the 2d. Sab. at Sandy Creek Glades ye. 3d. Sab. at George's Creek ye. 4th. Sab. at the forks of ten-mile ye. 5th. Sab.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock
Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April ye.* 18*th.* —93.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

The congregation of Pittsburgh having applied to P.b.y for Mr. Mahon's ordination; the P.b.y after maturely deliberating upon the matter, and finding that our directory requires that ordination and instalment should always go together, and Mr. Mahon having declared that he is not as yet clear for being instaled as the Pastor of that congregation; do judge that they cannot regularly proceed to his ordination at present: but appoint him to supply at Pittsburgh as usual.

Mr. Hill reports that Fairfield is indebted to him twenty nine pounds, and that Donegal and Wheatfield have not settled.

Mr. McPherrin produced settlements whereby it appeared that Salem congregation was clear ye. 1st. of April last, and that Unity congregation was then indebted to him twenty six pounds fifteen shillings and three pence.

Mr. Patterson produced settlements whereby it appeared that there will be due to him, on the 22d. day of April next, from Mantures congregation £20. 4. 5. and from Racoon congregation £.17. 12. 8.

Mr. McMillan produced settlements whereby it appeared that the congregation of Chartiers were indebted to him £.10. 9. 10. which became due ye. 1st. of Jan. last, and that the congregation of Pigeon Creek were indebted to him £14. 11. 0 which became due ye. 1st. of Novembr last.

Mr. Porter reports that his congregations were clear with him untill the 1st. of April—93.

The other members did not produce any settlements.

Upon enquiry it was found that the congregations are satisfied with respect to the care and diligence of their respective Pastors.

John Donaughy, Mr. McPherrin's Elder, obtaind. leave of absence.

Mr. Swan was appointed to prepare a discourse on Rom. 3. 31. to be delivered at our next meeting as a part of trials for ordination, at which time P.b.y agreed to proceed to his ordination if the way shall then be clear; and appointed Mr. McMillan to preach the ordination sermon and Mr. Patterson to preside and give the charge.

P.b.y proceeded to a reconsideration of the propriety of appointing Cannonsburgh the seat of that seminary of learning which they are appointed to superintend, and agreed to confirm their former minute respecting Cannonsburgh accademy with the following addition viz: that if it should appear at a future day most conducive to the good of the Church that another Seminary of the like nature should be erected in our bounds, that we will not oppose a division of the fund.

John Neel, Mr. Power's Elder obtained leave of absence.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the members of P.b.y have made considerable progress in raising contributions to be put into the fund for the education of poor and pious youths for the Gospel ministry.

Mr. Mercer brought in and read a presbeterial exercise on the subject assigned him at our last meeting, which was sustained as part of trials.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Marquis on natural Philosophy and sustained his answers as part of trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o,Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Friday *April ye 19th.* —93.

P.b.y met according to adjournment U. P. P. S. Q. S. except those who obtained leave of absence.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

P.b.y proceeded to the examination of Mesrs. Marquis and Mercer on divinity, whose performances on that subject were sustained as part of trials.

The P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. Thomas Marquis and Mr. Boyd Mercer, of their having gone through a regular course of literature, of their good moral character, and of their being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure; and they having given sufficient satisfaction, as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did, and hereby do express their

approbation of all these parts of trial: and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the P.b.y did, and hereby do license them, the said Thomas Marquis and Boyd Mercer to preach the Gospel of Christ, as Probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this P.b.y, or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Mr. Marquis was appointed to supply at Mill Creek ye. 4th. Sab. of April, at King's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of May, at Buffalo the 3d. Sab., at Lebanon ye. 1st. Sab. of June, at Pittstownship ye. 2d. Sab. at Ebenezer on Puckety ye. 3d. Sab. at Bethel on Black lick ye. 4th. Sab. at Ebenezer on Blacklick ye. 5th. Sab. at Mingo Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of July, at Cross Creek the 2d. Sab. at Cambel's tent ye. 3d. Sab. at King's Creek ye. 4th. at Buffalo ye. 1st. Sab. of August, at Cambel's tent ye. 2d. Sab. at Pike-run ye. 3d. Sab. at the forks of ten mile ye. 4th. Sab. at George's Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of Septembr. at Morgan town the 2d. Sab. at Middle town ye. 3d. Sab. at Clarksburgh ye. 4th. Sab. at Tyger's Valley ye. 5th. Sab. at Crab Orchard ye. 1st. Sab. of Octobr, at Sandy Creek ye. 2d.

Mr. Mercer was appointed to supply at the S. fork of ten mile ye. 3d. Sab. of June, at Pike-run ye. 4th. Sab. at George's Creek the 5th. Sab. at Morgan town the 1st. Sab. of July, at Middle town ye. 2d. Sab. at Clarksburgh ye. 3d, at Tyger's valley the 4th. at Crab Orchard ye. 1st. Sab. of August, at Sandy Creek ye. 2d. Sab. at Mingo Creek ye. 3d. Sab. at Cross Creek ye. 4th. at Horse shoe bottom ye. 1st. Sab. of Septembr, at Bethel on Blacklick ye. 2d. Sab.

Agreeably to a recommendation of the general Assembly, P.b.y proceeded to consider whether it would be proper to extend the time to be spent by young men in the study of divinity to three years at least, before they be taken on trials for the ministry, and unanimously agreed that it would not be proper, and at the same time declared their entire satisfaction with the constitution of our church on that head.

P.b.y appointed the Revd. Mesrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings and James Hughs as commissioners on their behalf to represent them in the general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of North America at their next meeting.

P.b.y agreed to request Synod at their next meeting to erect the Revd. John Clark, John McMillan, Thaddeus Dod, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs and John Brice, together with the churches on the west side of the Monongahala river into a separate P.b.y to be known by the name of the P.b.y of Ohio.

Adjourned to meet at Long-run on the third tuesday of October next

Concluded with Prayer.

Long-Run *October 15th.* 1793.

The P.b.y met according to adjournt. constituted with prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Findley, John McMillin,

James Power, James Dunlap, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, and George Hill. Absent The Revd. John Clark, Jacob Jennings, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, and John Brice. (P.b.y find that The Revd. Thaddeus Dodd was removed by death the 20th. of May last.)

Elders Joseph Price, Moses Coe, John Trevess, John Moore, John Shields, Daniel Henricks, and John Baird.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. William Swan, with a sermon from Rom. 3. 31. which was sustained as part of trials for ordination.

P.b.y, proceeded to the choice of Moderator and Clark for the ensuing year, Mr. Power was chosen Moderator and Mr. Hill Clark.

Mr. Hughs and Mr. Brice are now come and their reasons for not coming sooner are sustained. Mr. James Edgar ruling Elder from Cross Creek, Mr. James Brice rulig Elder from Buffaloe and Mr. Demas Linley ruling Elder from Ten-Mile took their seats as members of Presbytery.

P.b.y, proceeded to take in supplications for supplies.

Supplications from Tyrone, Lebanon, Morgan town, Sandy Creek, Crab Orchard, Washington, Stone coal fork of Buffaloe, and Tygars valley were received and read.

Applications were made for supplies from Clarksburgh, Middle town, Pike Run, Stony Creek, Kings Creek, Mill Creek, Campbell's tent, Pitts Township and Ebenezer on Puckety Congrs.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning by Nine O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 16th.* —93

P.b.y met according to adjournment, present as above. constituted with prayer.

Mr. Patterson is now come and his reasons for not comming sooner are sustained, his Elder Mr. Samuel Riddle.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

A Call from the United Congrs. of George's Creek and Union, as also a Call from the Congrn. of Buffaloe to Mr. David Smith were brought in and read and presented to him for his consideration. A Call from Cross Creek Congrn., likewise a Call from the United Congrs. of Ebenezer and Bethel on Black lick, and a Call from Ten Mile Congrn. to Mr. Thomas Marquis were brought in and read and presented to him for his consideration.

A Call from the United congregations of Mingo-Creek and Horse shoe Bottom to Mr. Boyd Messer was brought in and read, and, he being absent was given to Mr. McMillin to be presented to Mr. Messer for his consideration, upon his return. The P.b.y, agreeably to ap-

pointment, proceeded to the ordination of Mr. William Swan, and did by fasting and prayer with the imposition of the hands of the P.b.y. set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. McMillin preached upon the occasion from Isai. 62. 6. 7. and presided, and Mr. Finley gave the charge, Mr. Swan now takes his seat as a member. Upon enquiry it was found that the members and probationers present have fulfilled their appointments.

Mr. Finley was appointed to supply the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at Redstone, and one Sab. at Horse shoe Bottom at discretion.

Mr. Power—at Bethel on Black lick the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at Pittstownship the 4th. Sab. of March.

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan town the 3d. Sab. of Nov. at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. McPherrin—at Stony Creek the 4th. Sab of Nov. at Ebenezer on Black lick the 2d. Sab of April.

Mr. Porter— at Ebenezer on Puckety the 2d. Sab of Nov. at Tyrone the 4th. Sab. of March.

Mr. Hill— at Stony Creek one Sab. at discretion, at Bethel on black lick the 3d. Sab. of March.

Mr. Jennings—at George's Creek the 4th. Sab of Nov. at ten Mile the 4th. Sab. of March.

Mr. Swan—at Ebenezer on Black lick the 4th. Sab of Nov. at Pittstownship the 2d. Sab. of March.

Mr. Thomas Moore a licentiate under the care of the Bristol association in the state of Massechucets, being present and expressing a desire of itinerating for some time in our bounds: upon his producing sufficient testimonials of his regular licensure and good standing in the church: The P.b.y agreed to employ him. and accordingly appointed him to supply at Pittstownship the 3d. Sab. of Octr. at Washington the 4th. Sab. at Stone Coal Fork the 1st. Sab of Nov. at Mr. Finleys the 2d. Sab. at Horse shoe Bottom the 3d. Sab. at Mingo Creek the 4th. at Mill Creek the 1st. Sab of December, at King's Creek the 2d. at Campbel's tent the 3d. Sab. at the mouth of Buffaloe the 4th. at Washington the 5th. Sab. at Stone Coal fork the 1st. Sab. of Jany. at Pike Run the 1st. Sab. of Feby. at George's Creek the 2d. & 3d. Sabs. at Morgan town the 4th. at Sandy Creek and Crab Orchard the 1st. and 2d. Sabs. of March, at Tyrone the 3d. Sab. at Ebenezer and Bethel on Black lick the 4th. Sab. of March and 1st. Sab of April.

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at Middle town, Harison County, Tygers' Valley, George's Creek, Union and Buffaloe at discretion until our next Spring meeting, except next Sab. when he was appointed to supply at Leb.

Mr. Marquis was appointed to supply at Cross Creek the 3d. Sab. of Octr. at Ten Mile the 4th. Sab. the 1st. Sab. of Nov. at Cross Creek, the 2d. Sab. at Pittstownship the 3d. Sab. at Ebenezer on Puckety the 4th. Sab. at Bethel and Ebenezer on Black lick the 1st. and 2d. Sabs. of December, The rest of the time till our next meeting at discretion.

Mr. John Shields requested leave of absence which was granted.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at Nine O'Clock.
Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *October the 17th.* —93.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, present as above, except Mr. John Shields who obtained leave of absence, constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read.

An appeal from the judgment of the Session of Bethel was laid before P.b.y, wherein David Titball stands convicted of incestious conduct. P.b.y after hearing the testimony had before Session and maturely deliberating upon the matter, are of opinion that on account of the apparent prejudice of the witnesses and other concurring circumstances the testimony was not sufficient to ground that judgment upon and therefore agree that said judgment be set aside.

The Treasurer reports that he had received from the following Congregations the following contributions for the support of Missionaries viz

	£.	s.	d.
From Dunlaps Creek	3.	8.	2.
From Muddy Creek	2.	15.	9.
From Bethel	2.	9.	6.
From Pidgeon Creek	4.	3.	0.
From Chartiers	3.	16.	3.
From Montieurs	2.	00.	0.
From Racoon	2.	07.	0.
From Unity and Salem	4.	16.	11.
From Mount Pleasant	4.	00.	0.
From Laurel Hill	3.	15.	0.
Total	33.	11.	7.

For the payment of which into the hands of the commission of Synod he produced their receipt.

P.b.y. find that Mr. Cooly's Credentials have been laid before the General Assembly at their last meeting, and were judged by them to be forged, and consequently that he ought not to be received as a minister in good standing with their body.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of Unity, respecting a charge exhibited before that session by Charles McRight holding forth that a Certain Hugh Bean, had acted contrary to an oath taken by him, to abide by the verdict of men in a case refered to them, by said Bean and McRight; and also that Hugh Bean had said that Charles McRight had acknowledged himself to be the father of Hugh Beans Daughter's Child, which acknowledgment Charles McRight

denies. And having attended to the testimony produced, and taken all the light which they could obtain are of opinion, that Hugh Bean cannot be admitted to distinguishing priviledges in our church, until he acknowledge his wrong in swearing to abide by the judgment of Arbitrators, not knowing but that judgment might involve him in sin: and for his not using every mean in his power to fulfil the obligations he came under by said oath.—The P.b.y are also of opinion that the testimony produced by Hugh Bean has exculpated him so far of the fact alledged against him in the latter charge that they do not think him liable to any censure upon the account thereof. P.b.y ordered Mr. McPherrin to read this judgment publickly in the Congregation upon Hugh Beans Compliance therewith.

Demas Linley and Moses Coe requested leave of absence which was granted.

James Christy came before P.b.y and requested a reconsideration of a former judgment of P.b.y, whereby he looks upon himself to be agrieved.

The P.b.y agreed to reconsider said judgment at their next fall meeting.

Mr. Mahon having made application for ordination, and having professed a willingness to be installed as the Pastor of Pittsburgh Congregation: P.b.y, proceeded agreeably to our constitution to converse with him upon his acquaintance with experimental religion, and proposed to him several cases of conscience, but did not receive such satisfaction as would induce them to proceed to his ordination at present. But if at any other time he shall think himself able to give further light upon these matters, P.b.y, shall be ready to receive it.

Mr. Samuel Mahon who some time ago was received as a regular licentiate upon testimonials from the Carlisle Presbytery after continuing some time in Pittsburgh, applied for ordination, whereupon the P.b.y proceeded to converse with him upon his acquaintance with experimental religion, and proposed to him several cases of conscience, but did not receive such satisfaction as would induce them to proceed to his ordination: therefore he requested a dismission which was accordingly granted. Mr. Riddle agreeably to request obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to Meet to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *October* 18*th* —93.

P.b.y met according to adjournment, present as above, except Messrs. Linley, Riddle and Coe who obtained leave of absence, constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

Robert Dickey having given offence to the Session of Unity Congn. by going to hear a certain Mr. Dun a preacher of immoral character; and said Session and Robert Dickey having different sentiments concerning the satisfaction to be given for said offence: both parties appeared before P.b.y, and submitted the whole affair to their decision.

P.b.y, having heard the parties and taken all the light which they could obtain, are of opinion that Robert Dickey acted imprudently in going to hear Mr. Dun, and that he ought to acknowledge his fault, in so doing, before he is admitted to the distinguishing priviledges of the church.

Ordered that the above judgment be read in the presence of Unity Congn. In case of Robert Dickey's compliance therewith.

Mr. Power was appointed Treasurer in the P.b.y of Redstone.

Mr. John Baird came before P.b.y and gave information that the Congn. of Mount Pleasant has stipulated with the Revd. Mr. James Power for the whole of his labours as a minister of the Gospel, for which they promise to give him yearly and every year during his regular continuance among them the just and full sum of one hundred and Twenty Pounds from the 1st. of August 1792.

P.b.y appointed Mr. McPherrin their stated Clerk.

Synod having appointed the 2d. thursday of November next to be observed as a day of solemn fasting and prayer throughout their churches, to supplicate Almighty God to pour out his holy Spirit upon our Assemblies and revive religion in our land; P.b.y agreed to ratify the appointment of Synod, and recommend the careful observance of that day in the manner specified by Synod to all the Congregations under their care.

P.b.y, agree that the candidates under their care shall have liberty to declare their acceptance of any of the calls now in their hands before either of the Presbyteries, Ohio or Redstone—and further appoint Mesrs. James Finley and James Power or either of them to furnish any of said candidates with a dismission should they apply—and that Mr. Messer shall have his appointments until our next Spring meeting made out by the P.b.y, of Ohio, if he thinks fit.

P.b.y finding that the Synod at their last meeting did erect the Revd. Messrs. John Clark, John McMillin, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs and John Brice into a seperate P.b.y, to be known by the name of the P.b.y of Ohio, They are therefore dismissed from this Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mount Pleasant the 4th. Tuesday of December next Concluded with Prayer.

Mount Pleasant *December 24th.* 1793

The P.b.y, met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill, and William Swan.

Elders, Moses Latta, Andrew Kincaid, James Gageby, and William Baird.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Dunlap, and Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y, was opened by Mr. Marquis with a sermon from 1. Cor. 16. 22.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting except so far as respects supplies.

Upon enquiry P.b.y, find that the members present have observed the second thursday of November as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer according to the recommendation of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning by 10, O'Clock Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *December 25th*, —93.

P.b.y, Met according to adjournment present as above, constituted with Prayer.

Mr. Jennings is now come, and his reasons for not coming sooner, as well as not attending our last meeting are sustained.

Ordered to read the minutes of last session.

Mr. Porters Elder, Mr. John Quenn is now come and his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Upon enquiry P.b.y find that Mr. Smith is not prepared to give an answer to either of the Calls put in to his hand at our last meeting.

Upon enquiry P.b.y find that Mr. Marquis is disposed to give up the Call from the Congregations of Ten Mile, and to detain the other Calls in his hand for further consideration.

Upon enquiry P.b.y, find that Mr. Messer is not prepared to give an answer to the call of the United Congregations of Mingo Creek and horse shoe-Bottom put into his hand by Mr. McMillin agreeably to order of P.b.y.

P.b.y finding that they cannot obtain a full representation in the General Assembly especially of the Eldership, and supposing this difficulty to arise principally from our local distance and consequently the expences that must be incurred by those who do attend that body, and also finding that the General Assembly have recommended and enjoined it upon the Churches under their care to take order for establishing a fund for the discharge of the expences of representatives to

the General Assembly, recommend it to their members and Congregations to make annual contributions for the purpose above mentioned to be put into the hand of the Treasurer annually at our Spring meeting.

Mr. Messer is appointed to supply at Georges Creek the 2d. Sab. of January, at Pittstownship the 1st. Sab. of Feb. at Ebenezer on Puckety the 3d. Sab., at Tyrone the 1st. Sab. of March.

Adjourned to meet at Seweekly the 3d. Tuesday of April next.
Concluded with Prayer.

Sawickly *April* 15*th*. 1794

The P.b.y, met according to adjournment constituted with Prayer.

Members present The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin, and William Swan.

Elders John Right, Samuel Potter, Samuel Finley, John Crawford, Andrew Allison and James Caldwell.

Absent The Revd. Messrs. Samuel Porter and George Hill.

P.b.y, was opened by Mr. Thomas Moore with a Sermon from James 5. 16.

The Revd. Mr. John McMillin a member of the Ohio P.b.y. being present and invited sits as a correspondent.

Upon Motion Mr. McPherrin was chosen Clerk pro Tempore.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y.

Messrs. Finley's and Dunlap's reasons for not attending our last meeting are sustained. P.b.y. find that Messrs. Finley, Dunlap and Jennings did observe the day appointed by Synod for humiliation fasting and prayer. Upon enquiry Mr. Smith declared his acceptance of the Call from the united Congns. of George's Creek and Union: Upon which P.b.y. appointed Mr. Smith to prepare a discourse preparatory to ordination on 1. Cor. 13. 13. to be delivered at their next meeting.

Mr. Marquis having intimated by letter his acceptance of the Call from the Congn. of Cross-Creek, was therefore dismissed from this P.b.y. to join the P.b.y. of Ohio. Mr. Hill is now come and his reasons for not coming sooner are sustained.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members and Probationers present have fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs. Finley and Jennings in one instance each, their reasons for which omission were sustained.

A supplication from Crab-Orchard and Sandy-Creek for supplies and the administration of the Lord's supper was presented and read, also

a supplication from Tyrone for supplies. Applications for supplies were made from Ebenezer and Bethel on Blacklick and from Stony-Creek.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning by nine O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April 16th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment constituted with Prayer. Present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

A Call from the united Congns. of Ten mile for Mr. Thomas Moore was brought in and read and presented to him for his consideration.

Upon enquiry it was found that the following sums were collected for the support of commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.

	£.s.d.		£.s.d.
From Delap's Creek.....	1. 5.8	From LongRun &Sawickly	2. 9.6
From Muddy-Creek.	1. 8.4	From Mount Pleasant.....	1.19.1½
From Unity & Salem.....	3.12.0	FromCongruity&Poke-Run	2.17.0

Which was ordered to be delivered into the hands of the Treasurer.

The Revd. Messrs. James Finley and James Dunlap were appointed as Commissioners to represent this P.b.y, in the General Assembly at their next meeting; and in case they should not be able to fulfil this appointment Mr. McPherrin and Mr. Porter are appointed to supply their Places.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply one Sab. for Mr. Finley while he is attending the General Assembly, and at Tyrone the 2d. Sab. of July.

Mr. Jennings—one Sab. at discretion, at Sandy Creek to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. McPherrin—one Sab. for Mr. Dunlap, the 1st. Sab. of August at Bethel.

Mr. Hill—at Stony Creek the 3d. Sab. of August and one Sab. for Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Swan—one Sab. for Mr. Finley while attending the Gen. Assembly. the 2d. Sab of August at Ebenezer on blacklick.

Mr. Porter was appointed to supply at Puckety the 2d. Sab. of May. and one Sab. discretionary both as to time and place.

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab. of September and at Tyger's vally the 2d. Sab. of September.

P.b.y agreed that Calls might be prosecuted for the Candidates now under their care before the Ohio P.b.y equally as before this; and appointments made for them.

Mr. Moore was appointed to supply at Tyrone the 3d. Sab. of May. At Crab-Orchard the 2d. Sab. of May. At Morgan Town the 2d. Sab of June. At Sandy Creek the 3d. Sab. of June.

Mr. Messer was appointed to supply at Tyrone the 1st. Sab of May. at Ebenezer on Blacklick the 2d. Sab. at Bethel the 3d. Sab. of May.

A Certain William Rainey appeared before the P.b.y, and exhibited a charge against Mr. McPherrin for saying in the publick congn. that there were some persons that had acted in a diabolical manner, were a pest to society, going down to Hell themselves and leading others down with them, laughing and causing others to laugh &c.

The P.b.y after hearing the parties, and examining Mr. Hill, who declared that he was an eye witness to Mr. Rainey's conduct and that he saw him acting in an unbecoming manner, and smiling in the time of public worship, upon the whole judge, that as Mr. McPherrin particularised none by name, but only reproved such conduct in the general, he was very justifyable in what he did.

Upon Motion P.b.y proceeded to consider the case of a certain Charles Mitchel, who had married his wife's half brother's daughter, and not finding their way clear to form a judgment agreed to refer the matter to our Synod at their next meeting.

Messrs. Dunlap and Jennings report no settlements with their Congregations.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with Salem Congn. from which it appears that on the 14th. Instant sd. Congn. stood indebted to him £8. 2s. 0d. No settlement with Unity.

Mr. Finley reports that the Congn. of Rehoboth stood indebted to him on the 1st. of November last £123. 0s. 0D. No settlement from Round Hill.

Mr. Swan reports that Long-Run Congn. are clear with him until the 15th. of November last. No settlement with Sawickly

Mr. Hill reports no settlement.

Mr. Power produced a Settlement from which it appears that the Congn. of Mountpleasant will be indebted to him on the 1st. of May next £139. 10. 10.

The Elders of the ministers present report that the Congns. with whom they stand connected are well satisfied with the fidelity and diligence of their respective Pastors.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning by nine O'Clock

Concluded, With Prayer.

THURSDAY *April 17th.*

P.b.y, met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer.

Present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

On motion P.b.y agreed to allow each Member appointed to attend the General Assembly the sum of six Pounds Pennsylvania Currency: and ordered the Treasurer to pay the same to each member upon demand.

Mr. McPherrin is appointed to preach Mr. Smith Ordination sermon, and Mr. Porter to preside and give the Charge.

Adjourned to meet at George's Creek the third tuesday of August next. Concluded with Prayer.

George's Creek *August 19th* 1794

Presbytery met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer.

Members present The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill, and William Swan.

Elders Robert Bleakley, Hugh Martin, Robert Adams, John Henry and James Poalk. P.b.y. was opened by Mr. David Smith with a discourse on the subject appointed him at our last meeting, which was sustained as part of trial.

The Revd. James Hughs a member of Ohio P.b.y. being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

Mr. Moore having intimated his acceptance of a Call from the United Congregations of Ten Mile in the bounds of the Ohio P.b.y, and requested a dismission, was therefore dismissed from this to join the Ohio P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *August 20th.* 1794.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Present as above. Constituted with Prayer.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session except so far as respects supplies.

P.b.y according to appointment proceeded to the Ordination of Mr. David Smith and did by fasting, humiliation and prayer, and with the imposition of the hands of the P.b.y. set him apart to the holy office of the gospel ministry. Mr. McPherrin Preached on the occasion from Ezekiel 33. 6. 7. 8. and Mr. Porter presided and gave the charge. Mr. Smith then took his seat as a member.

Messrs. John McPherrin Samuel Porter and George Hill were appointed a committee to prepare a Presbyterial report to be presented to our Synod at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Unity the third Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Unity tuesday *October 21st.* 1794

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present The Revd. Messrs. James Finley, James Power,

James Dunlap, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Swan and David Smith. Elders John Giffin, John Maxwell, James Watson, Hugh Lorimor, John Shields and Samuel Mann.

Absent the Revd. Mr. Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Smith with a sermon from Ps. 32. 1.

P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clark for the ensuing year. Mr. Dunlap was chosen Moderator and Mr. Smith Clark.

Col. Charles Campbel appeared before P.b.y. requesting to be heard in a certain matter on account of which he had been deprived of distinguishing priviledges in the church for several years.

P.b.y. agreed to take up the matter and hear what Col. Campbell had to offer.

Col. Campbell informed P.b.y. that he had advertised a certain person a member of the church as guilty of lying. P.b.y. having enquired into Col. Campbell's reasons for so doing, and received what light they could obtain on the subject are of opinion, that altho' he might have received considerable provacation, yet his conduct in that matter was not such as the head of the Church directs: and therefore do hereby admonish him for said conduct.

Col. Campbell declared his acquiessence in the judgment of P.b.y. and was restored to his former standing in the Church.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Hill and Swan in one instance each, their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

Presbytery finding that the Committee appointed at their last meeting to prepare a Presbyterial report to be presented to Synod, had prepared said report, but as none of them attended Synod the report had not been forwarded. Therefore Ordered that a duplicate of said report be forwarded to the General Assemby next Spring.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at Nine O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 22d.* 1794

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer.

Present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The Synod having appointed the P.b.y. of Redstone in conjunction with the Ohio P.b.y to superintend the seminary in Washington County and to attend the examination of the students, either in their Collective capacities or by committees from their bodies duly appointed,

P.b.y did therefore appoint Messrs. Power, Dunlap, McPherrin and Smith a committee to attend to that business next week.

P.b.y. finding that their members have been deficient in complying with a recommendation of the General Assembly to produce historical sketches of their several Congregations did and hereby do strictly enjoin it on their members to collect and Compleat, the materials required and bring them forward to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Upon enquiry Mr. Messer declared that he was determined to give up the Call from Mingo-Creek and Horse shoe Bottom. According to Mr. Messer's request P.b.y. dismissed him to join the P.b.y of Ohio and do hereby recommend him to that P.b.y as a Licentiate in good standing.

P.b.y. proceeded to take in supplications for supplies, which were presented from the following vacant Congregations, viz. Tyrone, Tygar's Valley, Clark's-Burgh, Middle Town, Sandy-Creek, Crab-Orchard, Morgantown, Bethel and Ebenezer on Black lick.

The request of the United Congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel on Black lick for liberty to invite Mr. Adam Freeman a Licentiate of Lexington Presbytery, to visit them was granted by P.b.y.

Synod having appointed the Second Thursday of November next to be observed as a day of solemn fasting and prayer throughout their Churches, on account of the present calamitous and threatening situation of our Country and to mourn over the great prevelancy of Sabbath breaking, swearing, lying and other vices innumerable which abound in many parts of the land and which have provoked God thus to threaten and afflict our once happy land: to entreat the Lord on our behalf and in behalf of our bleeding Country that he may yet turn from his great displeasure remove his chastising hand, avert the calamities of a civil war, and bless our confederate States with peace.

P.b.y. agreed to observe the appointment of Synod and recommend the careful observance of that day in the manner and for the reasons specifyed by Synod to all the Congregations under their care.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of Long Run in the affair of a certain Eloner Donaldson who had appeared before said Session, and confessed that she had signed an instrument of writing criminating herself by lying, and that at the time of her signing said paper she was conscious that she acted wrong in so doing: but was influenced to do so by threats and fear of the consequences.

P.b.y. having heard what testimony could be had on the matter and maturely deliberating thereon are of opinion that previous to Eloner Donaldson's admission to distinguishing priviledges in the church, she

shall upon evidence of repentance be reproved and admonished by the moderator of the Session of said Congregation in the presence of the Session, and that this judgment be read in the congregation. Moreover P.b.y are of opinion that Eloner Donaldson's character ought not to suffer on account of an Oath of Hannah Hamilton, because all the light obtained on that matter is Hearsay Testimony, and because said Hamilton does not appear to us to be a competent witness in that case even though a coppy of her oath could be obtained.

P.b.y. proceed to consider a reference from the Session of Congruity respecting a certain James Christy and Rebecca Gordon, which had been formerly considered by this P.b.y. as will appear by their minutes Oct. 17th. 1792, and the P.b.y. at that time were unanimously of opinion, that no credit was to be given to the oath of Rebecca Gordon, and therefore no sufficient evidence to criminate said Christy, yet as there appeared to have been unbecoming conduct between the parties, that neither of them were to be admitted to distinguishing priviledges in the church until providence should shed further light on the matter.

P.b.y. upon application took this matter into further consideration and are of opinion that, as no light has been shed on the matter for such a length of time, it will not be prudent to defer the matter any longer, but that James Christy be restored to his former standing in the church, providing the Session are satisfyed with respect to any unbecoming circumstances, that may have attended the affair.

The Revd. James Finley applied to P.b.y. for a dismission from his Congregations, on account of his bodily infirmities and other corroberating circumstances.

P.b.y. having taken the affair into consideration ordered the congregations now under the Pastoral charge of Mr. Finley to be requested to send Commissioners to the next meeting of P.b.y. to offer reasons, if they had any, why the pastoral relation between them and Mr. Finley should not be dissolved.

P.b.y. also ordered Mr. Finley and his Congregations to produce a settlement at our next meeting and that a Coppy of the above minute be sent to the Congregations aforesaid.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Bethel on Blacklick the 2d. Sab of November, at Tyrone the 2d. Sabbath of April.

Mr. Dunlap —to supply at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sabbath of December at Squire Potter's on the Crossings the 3d. Sab. of March.

Mr. McPherrin the two Sabbaths preceeding the Spring meeting of P.b.y at Sandy-Creek and Morgantown.

Mr. Porter—at Tyrone the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at Ebenezer on B. L. the 1st. Sab of April.

Mr. Hill at Stony Creek the 1st. Sab. of December at Bethel on B. L. the 4th. Sab. of November.

Mr. Swan—at Crab orchard the 4th. Sab. of November at Tygars Valley the 3d. Sab. of March.

Mr. Smith—at Middletown the 1st. Sab. of March at Clarksburgh the 2d, Sab of March.

P.b.y. agreed to postpone Until their next meeting the consideration of a recommendation of the General Assembly to the different Presbyteries respecting making provision for the support of invalid Presbyterian ministers and their Families

Mr. Swan was appointed to open P.b.y. at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 3d. Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with Prayer.

REHOBOTH TUESDAY *April 21st.* 1795

P.b.y. Met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present The Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, William Swan, George Hill and David Smith.

Elders John Neel, Joseph Morrison, Jonathan Doty, William McNeece, Thomas Robison, Robert Richy, Robert Campbel, Abijah McLain.

P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Swan with a sermon from Rom. 8. 26.

P.b.y. find that the Revd. James Finley was removed by death January 6th. 1795.

Ordered to read the minutes of last meeting.

Mr. Jenning's reasons for not attending our last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members have fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs. McPherrin, Hill and Swan in one instance each, their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

The Revd. John McMillin a member of Ohio P.b.y. being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Supplications for supplies were brought in from the following Congregations, viz. Tyrone, Rehoboth & Round hill, Ebenezer and Bethel on Black Lick, Stony Creek, Pittsburgh, Middletown, Clarksburgh, Tygars Valley, Sandy-Creek and Crab Orchard. For the administration of the Lord's Supper at Crab Orchard the 3d. Sab. of August, and From Morgantown and Round Hill for the administration of the Lord's supper.

Messrs. Samuel Porter and William Swan Ministers and John Shields and John Barnett Elders were appointed Commissioners to represent this P.b.y. in the next General Assembly to meet in Carlisle.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a plan recommended by the general Assembly to the consideration of the different Presbyteries, for making provision for the support of invalid Presbyterian Ministers and the distressed families of any Ministers in our Communion who may die in destitute circumstances: maturely deliberated thereupon and unanimously disapproved of the same.

P.b.y. adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock
Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *April 22d.*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

Mr. Dunlap was appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's supper the 3d. Sab. of August at Crab Orchard and to supply at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab. of June, and at Pok run the 4th. Sab of May.

Mr. Jennings—to supply at Sawickly the 3d. Sab. of May, at Crab Orchard the 3d. Sab. of August and at Sandy Creek the 4th. Sab. of June.

Mr. McPherrin—at Congruity the 3d. Sab. of May at Bethel the 1st. Sab. of August, and at Round Hill the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Porter—at Pittsburgh the 2d. Sab. of July at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab of October and to administer the Lord's Supper at Morgantown the 2d. Sab. of Oct.

Mr. Hill—at Long Run the 4th Sab. of May at Stony Creek the 2d. Sab. of August and at Ebenezer on Black Lick the 1st Sab. of September.

Mr. Swan—at Tyrone the 1st. Sab. of July. at Rehoboth the 1st. Sab of September and to administer the Lord's Supper at Round Hill the 3d. Sab. of Au.

Mr. Smith—at Pittsburgh the 2d. Sab of August at Tygar's Vally the 2d. Sab. of October and at Middle town the 3d. Sab. of October.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members had observed the day of solemn fasting and prayer appointed by the Synod and recommended by this P.b.y. at their last meeting except Mr. Power his reasons for not observing it were sustained.

It was found upon enquiry that the following sums were collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly viz.

	£ S D		£ S D
From Mount Pleasant	1.. 3.. 4	From Laurel Hill for two years	3.. 7.. 10½
From Unity	1.. 0.. 0..	From Sawickly...	0.. 17.. 2
From Salem	1.. 10..0	From Congruity.....	0.. 12.. 0.

On motion resolved that if any of those persons who during their late disturbances had an active hand in burning property robbing the mail and destroying the official papers of the officers of Government,

shall apply for distinguishing priviledges of the Church to us, they shall not be admitted until they give satisfactory evidence of their repentance: and P.b.y. did and hereby do declare their hearty disapprobation of all riotous illegal and unconstitutional Combinations against the government, the laws or the officers of Government.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mountpleasant Congn. from which it appears that on the first of May 1795 the ballance due to him will be £.157.. 4.. 5.

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with Laurel Hill Congn. from which it appears that on the 1st. of December last there was due to him £136.. 1S. 10D.

Mr. Jennings reports no settlement with his Congregations.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with Unity Congn. from which it appears that on the 1st. of April Instant there was due to him £38.. 6S. 0D and reported Salem Congn. clear with him until the 1st. of April Instant.

Mr. Porter produced no settlement.

Mr. Hill produced a settlement from which it appears that the Congn. of wheatfield is indebted to him on the 1st. of April instant £48.. 13S. 2D. The Congn. of Fairfield on the same day is indebted to him 60.. 19.. 8. and Donegal Congn.....44.. 17.. 4.

Mr. Swan reports that the Congn. of Sawickly stands indebted to him on the middle of last November £13.. 0S. 0D and Long Run on the same day £20.. 0S. 0D

Mr. Smith reports that Union Congn. stood indebted to him on the 1st. of March last £3.. 16S 2D and that the Congn. of George's Creek on the same day stood indebted to him £20.. 11S. 0D. Upon enquiry it was found that the Congns. are well satisfyed with the fidelity and diligence of their respective Pastors.

P.b.y adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9'O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April 23d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer. present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last session.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting for the examination of the Seminary at Canonsburgh brought in their report which was accepted, and Messrs. Dunlap, Jennings and Hill were appointed a committee to attend to the examination of said Seminary on the 4th. Tuesday of June ensuing.

Mr. James Adams having offered himself a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. P.b.y. proceeded to enquire into his moral character and having examined him on his acquaintance with experimental religion and proposed to him a number of cases of Conscience and received satisfaction, the appointed him an exegesis on the following theme, Quo modo Sacrae Scripturae probantur esse divinae.

P.b.y. proceeded to examine Mr. Adams on the Latin and Greek Languages, the specimens which he gave thereon were accepted as parts of trials.

Mr. Jennings was appointed to open P.b.y. at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Mountpleasant on the 3d. Tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

The Synod thus far approved of the above Records with the exception of some verbal omissions and inaccuracies and the paragraph respecting Burny's trial and censure page 70 which appeared too obscure to be understood.

Samuel Houston Mod.

Quere. Ought not the Committee that next examines this Book to be instructed to examine the strictures drawn by the last Committee or moderator and correct the errors therein contained.

Mountpleasant *October 20th.* 1795

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Members present The Revd. Messrs. James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill and David Smith.

Elders William Latta, John Allen, Thomas Armstrong, John McGaa and Samuel Salsbury.

Absent the Revd. William Swan.

P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Jennings with a sermon from Ephe" sians. 6. 13.

P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clark whereupon Mr. Jennings was chosen Moderator and Mr. Porter Clark for the ensuing year.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9. o. Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 21st.*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. cons. with Prayer.

present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

Upon enquiry P.b.y. found that the members appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at their last meeting have fulfilled their appointments.

Mr. Swan is now come and excused for not attending sooner. James Caldwell Mr. Swan's Elder is also come.

Upon enquiry it was found that the following additional sums were collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.

	£ S D		£ S D
From Poke Run	0.. 17.. 6	From Long run	1.. 4.. 5
Delaps Creek	1.. 3.. 3	Muddy Creek	0.. 19.. 8
Union	0.. 12.. 0	George's Creek	1.. 7.. 7

Mr. James Mt Gomery Mr. McPherrin's Elder is now come and his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members had fulfilled their appointments.

Supplications were presented from Bethel and Ebenezer on Blacklick, Ebenezer on Pucketty, Morgan Town, The Big Crossings, Tygarts Vally, Middle Town, Stoney Creek, Clarksburgh, Tyrone, Rehoboth and Round Hill.

Mr. Samuel Ralston a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of New castle having Itinerated for some time in the bounds of this P.b.y. with the approbation of those members to whom he had access, presented his Credentials to P.b.y. which were approved.

The United Congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on Blacklick applied for leave to forward a Call to the P.b.y of New Castle to be presented to Mr. Samuel Ralston a Licentiate under their care which was granted.

Mr Power was appointed to supply at Morgan Town the 1st Sab. of November, and at Tyrone the 4th. Sab. of March :

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan Town the 4th. Sab. of March and at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab. of November.

Mr. Jennings—at the Crossings the 3d. Sab. of Nov At Rehoboth the 3d Sab. March.

Mr. McPherrin—at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. of Nov. At Ebenezer on Blacklick the 4th. Sab. March.

Mr. Porter—at Bethel on Black lick the 3d. Sab. Nov. At Round Hill the 3d. Sab of April.

Mr. Hill—at B. on Blacklick the 1st. Sab. of December, At Stony Creek the 3d. S. of March.

Mr. Swan—at Ebenezer on Black lick the 2d. Sab. of November, and at Ebenezer on Pucketty the 1st. Sab of April.

Mr. Smith—at Clarksburgh one Sab. discretionary as to time and at Tyrone the 1st. Sab. of January.

Mr. Dunlap a member of the Committee appointed at our last meeting to attend the examination of the Students at Cannon's-burgh, brought in his report which was accepted, and Messrs. Jennings' and Hill's reasons for not attending were sustained.

Messrs. McPherrin and Smith were appointed a committee to meet the P.b.y. of Ohio next week, in order to enquire into the state of the Academy at Canonsburgh and to examine the Students.

John McCrakan appeared before the P.b.y. and Complained that he had been kept back from distinguishing priviledges in the Church, on account of a bastard child which a certain Barbara Walters had laid to his charge.

The P.b.y took up the business, and having received satisfactory testimony respecting the good character of John McCrakan and also concerning the very attrocious character of Barbara Walters were of opinion that no respect ought to be paid to the testimony of Barbara Walters respecting the above matter, and consequently that John Mc Crakan ought not to be deprived of distinguishing privileges any longer on that account.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of Donegal respecting an affair between Joseph Campbel and Daniel Prorser concerning a Bank Bill,. which Joseph Campbel said he gave to Daniel Prorser, the receipt of which said Prorser Denied.

The P.b.y having examined the evidence are unanimously of opinion, that such is the intricacy of the affair and contradictory nature of the testimony, that they cannot decide upon it at present, and therefore defer their decision, until God in his providence shall afford further light on the subject.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *October 22d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer. Present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

Mr. Adams brought in and read an exegesis on the theme appointed him at the last meeting

P.b.y also proceeded to examin him on Divinity to some considerable length all which performances were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y. appointed Mr. Adams to prepare a Homily on Rom. 6. 14. and a Presbyterial exercise to be delivered at their next meeting.

The Revd. George Hill accused Robert Rodgers Elder with defaming him by saying that he was a lyar or that he lied, and that he

was meaner than a dog. This said Rodgers did at his own house the monday week before the Sacrament at Fairfield which was the Second Sabath in October 1795 To support which charge James Bready Esqr. and James Clark are offered George hill.

In consequence of the above charge P.b.y cited the parties and the evidences to appear before them at their next meeting.

The first Day of January next is appointed as a day of fasting and humiliation on account of the prevalency of Infidelity Vice Immorality and Spiritual Sloth.

Adjourned to meet at Laurel-Hill meeting house on the 3d. Tuesday of April next and Mr. Porter was appointed to open P.b.y at that time.

Concluded with Prayer.

Laurel-Hill *April 19th.* 1796

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill William Swan and David Smith.

Elders James Parker, Robert Adams, Robert Taylor, John Kyle & James Orr.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Porter with a sermon from Isaiah 53. 1.

Upon enquiry P.b.y. found that the member had fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Hill in one instance whose reasons for that omission were sustained.

It was also found that the members had attended to the appointment of the fast Day.

Mr. Samuel Ralston a Licentiate formerly under the care of the P.b.y of New Castle produced a dismission and testimonials from said P.b.y and requested to be taken under the care of this P.b.y. Having examined and approved of said Testimonials P.b.y agreed to take Mr. Ralston under their care.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock.

Concluded wt. Prayer.

Wednesday *April 20th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer Present as above.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Session.

On enquiry P.b.y found that Mr. Ralston was not prepared to give an answer respecting the Call put into his hands by the P.b.y of New Castle from the United Congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on B. lick.

It was found upon enquiry that the following sums were Collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly from the following Congregations viz.

	£	S	D		£	S	D
From Mount Pleasant	3..	0..	2	From Unity	1..	2..	6
Salem	2..	2..	0	Poke Run	1..	2..	6
Laurel Hill	1..	12..	0	Sawickly	1..	2..	0½
Delaps Creek	1..	2..	6	Muddy Creek	1..	0..	0
Donegal	1..	2..	6	Fairfield	1..	2..	6
Congruity	1..	2..	6				

The Revd. Jacob Jennings and George Hill Ministers and Hugh Lorimer and John Wright Esqrs. Ruling Elders were appointed Commissioners to represent this P.b.y in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to meet at Philidelphia on the third Thursday in May 1796.

Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from the following vacant congregations Tyrone Morgan Town Ebenezer on Pucketty, Sandy-Creek for supplies and the administration of the Lord's Supper, Crab Orchard, Bethel and Ebenezer on Black lick, Clarksburgh. Middletown, Tygarts Vally, Big Crossings of Yough, Glade Run, Stoney Creek, Rehoboth for the Lord's Supper and supplies, and Round-hill.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Donegal the 3d. Sabbath in May and at Morgan Town the 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Dunlap – at Tyrone the 4th. Sab of may and to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Sandy Creek the 4th. Sab. in August.

Mr. Jennings—at Morgan Town the 2d Sab of July and to administer the Lord's Supper at Rehoboth the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. McPherrin—at Wheatfield the 4th. Sab. May and at Round Hill the 2d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Porter—at Fairfield the 5th. Sab. of May and at Ebenezer on Pucketty the 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Hill –at Stoney Creek one Sab. discretionary and at Bethel on Black lick the 2d. Sab of September.

Mr. Swan—at Dunlaps Creek the 3d. Sab of May. at Glade-run the 3d. Sab. August

Mr. Smith—to assist Mr. Jennings at Rehoboth the 3d. Sab. of August and at Muddy-Creek the 4th. Sab of May.

Mr. Ralston—at Bethel and Ebenezer on Black lick the 3d. and 4th. Sab. June. at Glade-Run the 1st. Sab of July. at Ebenezer on Pucketty the 3d. Sab. of July. at Tyrone the 4th. Sab of July at Morgan Town the 5th. Sab. of July. at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab. of August. at Tygarts Vally the 2d. and at Crab Orchard the 3d. Sab. of August.

Edward Cook Esqr. a ruling elder in the united congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill having produced sufficient evidence of his being appointed by the Sessions of said congregations to represent them in P.b.y took his seat as a member.

On motion resolved that this P.b.y will not in future send supplies to any vacancies under their care, except those who send commissioners or apply by such members of this P.b.y as shall engage to convey an account of the appointments to those vacancies in whose behalf they apply.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of Long Run, respecting a certain Catharine Balf now Leech, who upon oath declared that David Logan was the Father of her Bastard child, which charge said Logan denies. And having examined the testimony and taken all the light which they could obtain are of opinion, that from the nature of the circumstances attending the testimony of Catharine Balf now Leech, said testimony is not sufficiently credible to establish her charge against David Logan.

Upon enquiry it was found that Mr. Hill had not forwarded the citations Committed to his care to the persons to whom they were directed.

He was therefore ordered to alter the dates of the citations and forward them to the parties at least ten days before the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Ralston requested leave to itinerate for some time this summer in the bounds of the P.b.y of Ohio, which request was granted, and the Clark was ordered to furnish Mr. Ralston with proper testimonials.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of P.b.y to meet the P.b.y of Ohio, in order to enquire into the state of the Academy at Canonsburgh and examine the Students, Brought in and read their report which was accepted.

Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Swan were appointed a committee to meet the P.b.y of Ohio next week in order to assist in an examination of the students at Canonsburgh.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9, O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted wt. Prayer.

present as above agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with mount pleasant Congn. by which it appeared that said Congn. would be indebted to him against the first of may ensuing the sum of £.155..3.2

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with Laurel Hill Congn. whereby it appeared that said Congn. was indebted to him on the 1st. Day of December last the sum of £.125..14.7.

Mr. Jennings produced no settlement with his Congregations.

P.b.y finding that Mr. Jennings had applied to the session of Muddy-Creek Congn. repeatedly in order to obtain a settlement with said Congn. and that a settlement had not been obtained, did enjoin it upon the session aforesaid to endeavour to obtain a settlement before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. McPherrin produced no settlement with his Congregations.

Mr. Porter produced no settlement with his Congregations.

Mr. Hill produced settlements with his Congn's. by which it appeared that Wheatfield Congn. was indebted to him the sum of £.62..18..5 Fairfield £.74..18..6 and Donegal £.49..13.11.

Mr. Swan reported Long Run Congn. to be clear with him until the 15th. of Nov. last. and that Sawickly Congn. was indebted to him £.21..0.0. on the 15th. of Nov. last.

Mr. Smith bought in a settlement with his Congregrations by which it appeared that George's Creek Congn. were indebted to him on the 1st. of March last the sum of £20.0.0. and that Union Congn. were indebted to him at the same time the sum of £17.0.0.

On enquiry it was found that the Elders present knew of no dissatisfaction obtaining in the Congregations which they represented respecting the manner in which their ministers discharged the duties of their Pastoral office.

Mr. Adams brought in and read discourses on the subjects appointed him at the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Adams on natural and moral Philosophy and his answers were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Adams to prepare a lecture on 1 John 4. 12–21 to be delivered at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at George's Creek on the fifth tuesday in August next. Concluded with Prayer.

GEORGE'S-CREEK *August 30th.* 1796

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings George Hill and David Smith.

Elders Alexander McClain, Andrew McCleland, Joseph Ogden and Joseph Caldwell.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. John McPherrin, Samuel Porter and Wm. Swan.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. William Woods with a sermon from Heb. 2. 3.

Mr. Porter the Clark for the present year being absent Mr. Smith was chosen Clark pro tempore.

The Revd. Thomas Moore a member of Ohio P.b.y being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Supplication for supplies were brought in from the vacant congregations of Middletown and Morgan Town.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *August* 31*st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above, agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

P.b.y proceeded to consider a reference from the Session of Morgan Town concerning a certain Robert Robe who was charged with being the father of a Certain Rhode Little's Bastard child, and having considered the testimony brought to invalidate the Oath of Rhode Little and taken all the light they could obtain on the matter are of opinion that the charge against Robert Robe is not sufficiently supported to deprive him of priviledges in the Church.

P.b.y having found that Mr. Adams was prevented by indisposition of Body from attending and delivering the Lecture appointed him at their last meeting, did appoint him to deliver said lecture and also a popular Sermon from 2. Pet. 1. 10 at their next meeting.

P.b.y found that the following sums were collected for the support of commissioners to the General Assembly in addition to those on the minutes of their last meeting From George's Creek.....£. 1..4..0

From Union..... ..... 0..15..0

Muddy Creek..... ..... 0.. 8..9

Adjourned to meet at congruity on the 3d Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with Prayer.

CONGRUITY *October* 18*th.* 1796

Presbytery meet according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill and William Swan.

Elders Messrs. John Baird Joseph Morrison Samuel Torrence William Waddle John Cochran Joseph Collins and John Dennis.

P.b.y. was opened with two discourses delivered by Mr. Adams on the subjects appointed him at the preceeding meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year.

Mr. McPherrin was chosen Modr.' and Mr. Swan Clerk.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 OClock at the house of Hugh McLerrin. Concluded wt. Prayer.

Wednesday *October 19th.*

P.b.y met according to adj. Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last Spring and August meetings.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled the appointments given them at the Spring meeting, except Mr. Porter and Mr. Ralston each in one instance, their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

Messrs. McPherrin's Porter's and Swan's reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Supplications for supplies were received from the following vacant Congregations Glade-Run, Summerset Pittstownship Ebenezer on Pucketty, Stony Creek Morgan Town, Middle-Town Sandy Creek Crab Orchard the Crossings Ebenezer & Bethel on Black Lick.

Mr. William Woods a Licentiate formerly under the care of New-Castle Presbytery produced a dismission and testimonials from said P.b.y, and requested to be taken under the care of this P.b.y. The P.b.y having examined and approved of Mr. Wood's testimonials did agree to take him under their care.

A Call from the United Congregations of Rohoboth and Round Hill directed to Mr. Woods a Licentiate under the care of this P.b.y, was presented and read and put into Mr. Wood's hand for his Consideration. Also a call from the United Congregations of Bethel and Lebanon under the care of the Ohio P.b.y.

The following additional sums for the support of Com. to the last General Assembly were received.

	£	S	D
From Congruity	0..	13..	7
Poke Run	0..	2..	5.
Long Run	0..	19..	6.
George Creek	1..	4..	0.
Union	0..	15..	0.

The Committee appointed at the last Spring meeting to attend the examination of the Accademy at Cannon'sburgh made report which was received and approved

P.b.y finding that Mr. Jennings had not informed the Session of Muddy Creek Congregation of their injunction with respect to a settlement with him, did order Mr. Jennings to forward a coppy of their former minute to said session.

The P.b.y, having at their last Spring meeting issued citations to the Revd. George Hill and Robt. Rodgers to appear before them at their next meeting in order to have their difference subsisting between them adjusted. And finding that altho' the parties attended agreeably to the requisition: yet the P.b.y, did not take up the business in a judicial manner, on account of an accommodation that had taken place between the parties: But P.b.y, now finding that Mr. Hill complains that Robert Rodgers has not complied with the terms on account of which the accommodation took place: did proceed to order new citations to be issued to the above parties and their evidences to appear before them at their next meeting.

Mr. Power was appointed to Supply at Pittstownship the 3d. Sab of Nov. at Ebenezer on Black lick the 4th. Sab of March.

Mr. Dunlap—at the Crossing the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Morgan town ye. 2d. Sab. March.

Mr. Jennings—at Sandy Creek the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at Morgan Town the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. McPherrin—at Bethel the 3d. Sab. Nov. at Glade Run 1st. Sab. April.

Mr. Porter—at Pucketty the 3d. Sab. of Nov. at Pitt Township The Sab. preceeding the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Hill—at Summerset the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Stony Creek the last Sab. of March.

Mr. Swan—at Glade Run the 2d. Sab of Nov. at Bull Creek the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Woods—at Puckety the 2d. Sab. of March one Sab. at bethel and another Ebenezer on black lick Discretionary as to time.

Mr. Smith—one Sab. at Clark's burgh and one at Crab orchard both discretionary as to time.

Messrs. Power and Porter were appointed a committee to meet the P.b.y. of Ohio next week in order to assist in an examination of the Students and enquire into the state of the Academy at Cannonsburgh.

Upon enquiry Mr. Ralston declared his acceptance of the Call from the United Congregations of Mingo Creek and horse-shoe bottom under the care of the Ohio P.b.y which was put into his hands by the Presbytery of New Castle, and returned the Call from the United Con-

gregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on black Lick, and requested to be dismissed from this P.b.y, in order to put himself under the care of the Ohio P.b.y, which was granted. And Mr. Ralston is hereby recommended as a Licentiate in good standing with us; and the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute. Mr. Woods requested to Itinerate some time in the bounds of the P.b.y of Ohio which was granted.

P.b.y do hereby recommend to each of their members to attend to the injunction of the Synod respecting raising contributions for the support of missionaries, and to forward them next summer to the Treasurer of that Commission which was appointed at the last meeting of Synod.

Presbytery appointed Mr. Adams to Deliver a discourse on these words for my Father is greater than I, John 14. 28. at their next meeting.

On motion resolved that all committees which shall be appointed by P.b.y shall make their reports in writing

Adjourned to meet at Fairfield the 3d. Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with Prayer.

FAIRFIELD *April 18th.* 1797

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted wt. Prayer.

Members Present The Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill and William Swan

Elders Messrs. James McCormick Absolam Little Peter Wallace George Finley James Thomson and Hugh Martin.

P.b.y was opened with a discourse delivered by Mr. Adams on the subject appointed him at their last meeting, which was sustained as part of trials.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read

Messrs. Power and Smith are now come and their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained: also Mr. Smith's reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members had fulfilled the appointments given them at the last meeting except Mr. Smith in one Instance whose reasons for which omission were sustained.

Supplications for supplies were made from the following vacant Congns. viz.

Tyrone Pitts township Bull Creek, Bethel and Ebenezer on Blacklick Glade run Sandy Creek and Crab-Orchard for the administration of the Lord's Supper Ebenezer on Puckety Morgan town Round Hill and Rehoboth and the Crossings.

Upon enquiry Mr. Wood's declared his acceptance of the Call from the United Congregations of Bethel and Lebanon under the care of the Ohio P.b.y, and returned the call from the United Congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill: and also requested a dismission from this P.b.y in order to put himself under the care of Ohio P.b.y, which was granted.—And Mr. Woods is hereby recommended as a Licentiate in good standing with us. And the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

Upon Mr. Power's resignation Mr. Swan was appointed treasurer in his room.

On motion resolved that Messrs. Porter and Swan be appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the late treasurer and report to morrow morning.

On enquiry it was found that the following sums were collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly viz. from

	£	S	D		£	S	D
Donegal	1..	2..	6	Salem	1..	13..	9
Fairfeild	1..	15..	7½	Delaps Creek	1..	5..	—
Pok Run	1..	9..	0.	Larel Hill	1..	12..	8..
Congruity	1..	2..	6.	Mount Pleasant	1..	13..	10.
Unity	1..	2..	6	Ballance from the late Treasurer	1..	15..	10.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to assist the P.b.y of Ohio in an examination of the Students and an enquiry into the state of the Academy at Cannonsburgh brought in their report which was read and accepted.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April 19th.* 1797

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer of Presbytery, reported that on the 18th. Instant the Treasurers accounts stood as follows, viz. Treasurer Dr. to money received for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly £. 48.. 3.. 9½

Cr. by Disbursements to Commissioners to the General Assembly £. 46.. 7.. 11½

Ballance paid to the new Treasurer..... 1.. 15.. 10

Total 48.. 3.. 9½

Upon Mr. Jenning's desiring leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Muddy-Creek, the P.b.y Cited said Congregation to appear by their Commissioners at their next meeting to shew cause is they have any why the P.b.y should not accept his resignation.

Mr. Smith having represented to Pb.y that the Congn. of George's Creek had become unable to support him according to their agreement in their call, and he having requested a dismission from that Congregation of the one-half of his former labours in that place, P.b.y Cited said Congregation to appear by their Commissioners at their next meeting to shew cause if they have any why P.b.y. should not grand said dismission.

Upon Mr. Hill's desiring leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congregation of wheatfield. P.b.y Cited said Congregation to appear by their Commissioners at their next meeting to shew cause if they have any why the P.b.y should not accept his resignation.

A petition was laid before P.b.y from a number of the Inhabitants of little Redstone praying that the P.b.y would grant them liberty to form themselves into a Congregation. Presbytery deferred the decision of the matter until the adjacent Congregations may have the opportunity to shew cause if they have any, why P.b.y should not grant the prayer of the petition.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Sawickley the 2d. Sab. of May, at Tyrone the 2d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan Town ye. 4th. Sab. of April, at the Crossing ye. 4th. Sab. of June.

Mr. Jennings—at Long Run ye. 4th. Sab. of May, To admr. the Sac. at R. Hill 4th. S. of Aug.

Mr. McPherrin—at P. Run ye. 3d. Sab. of May at Ebenezer the 2d. Sab. of September.

Mr. Porter—at Summerset ye. 1st. Sab. of May at PittsTownship ye. 1st. Sab. of July.

Mr. Hill—at Congruity the 4th. Sab. of May.

Mr. Swan—at Turky Foot ye. 1st. Sab. of May at Round Hill ye. 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith—at Ebenezer on Black lick the 1st. Sab. of August.

P.b.y did recommend Messrs. Hill and Smith as fit persons to be sent as missionaries by the Commission of Synod each for a short time in the course of the ensuing summer.

Mr. Adams was appointed to supply at Sandy Creek ye. 1st. Sab. of May—at the Crossings the 2d.—at Crab Orchard the 3d.—at Monongehala Glades the 4th. Sab. at Tygarts Vally the 1st. and 2d. Sabbaths of June—at Clarksburgh the 3d. Sab.—at Middletown the 4th. Sab.—at Morgan Town the 1st. Sab. of July

—at Turky Foot the 3d. Sab.—at Summerset the 4th. at Quemehanong the 5th. Sab. —at Bethel on B. L. the 2d. Sab. of August at Ebenezer the 3d. at Glade Run the 4th Sab. of August.—At Bull Creek the 1st. Sab. of September.—At Ebenezer on Puckety ye 2d. at Pittstownship ye. 3d.—At Round Hill ye. 4th. Sab. at Rehoboth ye. 1st. Sab of October.—at Tyrone ye 2d. Sab. Oct.

The Presbytery resumed the consideration of the affair between the Revd. George Hill and Robert Rodgers, and proceeded to take in the testimony in support of the charge exhibited by Mr. Hill against Robert Rodgers.

James Bready Esqr. being solemnly called upon to declare the truth in the case depending between Mr. Hill and Robert Rodgers, saith that Robert Rodgers, at his own house at the time specifyed in the charge, did not in positive terms to his recollection call Mr. Hill a liar, or say that he had lied, but that he said what in his opinion implied that he had lied, and that Robert Rodgers said that he was mean. Mr. Hill replied that he should not (charge) him with meanness. Rodgers replied that he was as mean as a dog, and further this deponent saith not.

James Clark being solemnly called upon to declare the truth saith that at his, this deponents mill, Robert Rodgers said and asserted that Mr. Hill lied, and that at his own viz. Rodgers' house he charged Mr. Hill with meanness.

Mr. Hill told him that he ought not to charge him with meanness, and that Rodgers replied that he was mean or meaner than a dog, and that Robert Rodgers at his own house said what amounted to an acknowledgment of what he said at his, viz the deponents Mill with regard to Mr. Hills lying. And further this deponent saith not.

Robert Rodgers acknowledged that he had written and put up an Advertisement in the following words viz. That a report circulated in the Congregation of wheatfield, by the Revd. George Hill, that I had received a small quantity of grain to the amount of 7 or 8 bushels, from George Farmer and others, I desire the Congregation to attend against the Twenty eight day of May and bring in their receipts so as we may settle for I would not ly under the aspersions of a lying tongue.

Revd. John McPherrin being solemnly called upon to declare the truth saith that when he went to serve the Citations of P.b.y. on Robert Rodgers, that Rodgers said he did not deny the charge and further saith (not).

Robert Rodgers being called upon to make his defence said that he had no Testimony to offer except two papers which he had put into the hand of the Moderator, which papers being examined by P.b.y did not appear to cast any light on the subject.

The Presbytery having examined the Testimony and taken all the light which they could obtain in the affair between the Revd. George Hill and Robert Rodgers are unanimously of opinion that the charge against Robert Rodgers is supported both by the Testimony of indifferent persons, and the acknowledgment of Rodgers himself. It is therefore their Judgment, that Robert Rodgers shall not be admitted to distinguishing priviledges in the Presbyterian Church until he acknowledge in the presence of the United Session of Mr. Hill's Congregations that he has treated the character of the Revd. George Hill in an indecent and unchristian manner, which acknowledgment shall be read in the presence of Wheatfield Congregation.

Ordered that the above judgment be read in presence of each of Mr. Hills' Congregations as soon as convenient.

P.b.y. proceeded to consider a complaint laid in by Isaac Rodgers against the Revd. George Hill, wherein he charged Mr. Hill with refusing to give him the name of his accusor and a hearing in a Certain case.

George Finley being called upon solemnly declared that on a certain time Isaac Rodgers applied to Mr. Hill for priviledge, Mr. Hill told him he had heard that he had been engaged in dancing. Isaac Rodgers asked the name of his accusor.

Mr. Hill replied that if he denyed the charge he should have a hearing and the name of his accusor. and further this deponent saith not

No other witness having been offered in support of the charge P.b.y are unanimously of opinion that the charge exhibited by Isaac Rodgers against the Revd. George Hill is ungenerous and without any foundation and that he shall be rebuked by the Moderator for bringing forward said charge.

Ordered that a Coppy of this judgment be read in presence of wheatfield Congregation.

P.b.y. Continue their recommendation with regard to raising contributions for the support of the mission of Synod.

P.b.y. having taken up an appeal from the judgment of the Session of Sawickly in which a certain Charles Jordan and his wife were convicted of the crime of fornication before marriage: and having examined the testimony on which said judgment was founded unanimously agree to confirm it.

Messrs. McPherrin and Smith were appointed a Committee to assist in the examination of the Students and enquire into the state of the Academy at Cannonsburgh next week.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine OClock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday *April 20th.*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

Messrs. Porter and Swan were appointed Commissioners to represent this P.b.y in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to meet in Philadel. the 3d. Thursday in may next.

The Revd. Jacob Cramm a member of the Presbytery of long Island being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent member.

P.b.y. proceeded to reconsider a reference from the Session of Donegal respecting Joseph Campbel and Daniel Prorser. P.b.y. after re-examination of the former Testimony and taking all the additional light they could obtain are unanimously of opinion that they have not sufficient evidence to convict either of the persons of designed Fraud.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Adams upon the remaining part of the System of Divinity whose answers were sustained as part of trials.

At Fairfield the 20th. Day of April AD. 1797 the Presbytery of Redstone having received sufficient Testimonials in favour of the Good moral character of Mr. James Adams of his having gone through a regular course of Literature and of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure, and having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in Literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the P.b.y. did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed: The Presbytery did and hereby do license him, the said Mr. James Adams, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy Ministry, within the bounds of this P.b.y. or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with mount pleasant Congn. by which it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him on the First day of this month. £146.. 13.. 6.

Mr. Dunlap reports no settlement with his Congregation.

Mr. Jennings produced a settlement with Delaps Creek by which it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him the 18th. Instant £43. 11.. 8.

also with Muddy Creek Congn. wc. stood Dr. £108.. 4.. 5.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with his Congregations by which it appeared that on the First Instant Unity Congn. stood Dr. £35.. 19.. 9.

Salem Congn. stood Dr. £6. 00. 0..

Mr. Porter reported no settlement.

Mr. Hill produced a settlement with his Congregations by which it appeared that they stood Indebted to him as follows

Wheatfield Congn..... £90.. 17.. 8
Fairfield Do. ..... £75.. 0.. 4½
Donegal —— ..... £75.. 4.. 6.

Mr. Swan produced a settlement with his Congregations by which it appeared that on the 15th. of October last Long Run Congregation stood Dr. to him ..... £32.. 1.. 3½
Sawickly Do. — ..... £58.. 8.. 7½

Mr. Smith produced no settlement.

The Elders present being examined whether the Congregations under the care of the P.b.y were satisfyed with the diligence and care of their respective ministers declared a general satisfaction in this matter.

Upon motion P.b.y proceeded to deliberate about the mode of proceeding in marriages the full consideration of which was postponed until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet the 4th. Tuesday of June next at Delaps Creek by Twelve O'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Delaps Creek *June 27th.* 1797

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Members Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin George Hill William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Samuel Potter John Miller John Moore James Thomson and John Bell.

Absent The Revd. Saml. Porter.

Presbytery was opened with a Sermon on Gal. 2. 19. by the Revd. John Kenedy.

The Revd. John Kenedy formerly a member of New Castle and lately dismissed by them as a member in good standing being invited took his seat as a Correspondent.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y were read except so far as respected supplies.

The following additional sums for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly were put into the hand of the Treasurer

	£	S	D		£	S	D
From Congruity	—	13	1½	From Sawickly	1..	2..	6..

P.b.y finding that Muddy Creek Congn. had not been duly Cited

agreeably to their order, and no Commissioner duly appointed by said Congn. being present did not accept Mr. Jenning's resignation, but again Cited said Congn. to apper before them at their next meeting by their Commissioners regularly appointed to shew Cause if any they have why Mr. Jenning should not be dismissed from them.

The Congregations adjacent to Little Redstone not offering any reasons against the Inhabitants of Little Redstone being formed into a seperate Congregation. P b.y agreed to grant their Petition.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning by 9 oClock

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *June 28th.*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to assist in an examination of the students and in inquiring into the state of the Academy at Cannonsburg brought in their report which was read and accepted.

P.b.y finding that the Academy at Cannonsburgh labours under very great difficulties from the want of some pecuniary aid, did recommend it to their members to endeavour to make some contributions at their next meeting in order to the removal of those difficulties.

Upon enquiry it was found that the Commissioners appointed to attend the last General Assembly had fulfilled their appointment.

No Commissioners appeared from Wheatfield Congregation

P.b.y did therefore again Cite said Congregation to appear before them at their next meeting by their Comrs. to shew Cause if any they have why Mr. Hill should not be dismissed from them.

Presbytery having been informed by Commissioners from George Creek Congregation that said Congregation has no reasons to offer why Mr. Smith should not be dismissed from them the one half of the time which he formerly laboured among them, did therefore dismiss him as to that part of time.

Mr. Smith desired leave to resign his Pastoral charge of Union and George-Creek Congregations at the fall meeting of P.b.y.

P.b.y did therefore Cite said Congregations to appear by their Commissioners at their fall meeting to shew cause if they have any why his request should not be granted.

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at Rehoboth the 3d. Sab. of July at Round Hill the 4th. at the Crossing the 4th. Sab of October.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 3d. Tuesday of Octr. next.

Concluded with Prayer.

ROHOBOTH *October 17th.* 1797

P.b.y meet according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin George Hill William Swan & David Smith.

Elders Messrs. John Baird Alexr. McLain Ebenezer Finley Andrew Kincaid Michael Rough Joseph Ogden Joseph Collins and John Power.

Absent the Revd. Samuel Porter.

P.b.y was opened by the Revd. John McPherrin with a Sermon from 1. Cor. 9. 16.

P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr. Hill was chosen Modr. & Mr. Smith Clerk.

The revd. Messrs. John McMillin Thomas Moore and Samuel Ralston Members of Ohio P.b.y, being present and invited took their seats as Correspondent Members.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Jennings, Hill, Swan and Smith in one Instance each their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

P.b.y proceeded to receive supplications for supplies from the following vacancies. viz. Tyrone Round Hill and Rehoboth Ebenezer and Bethel on Black lick Pittstownship Ebenezer on Puckety Bull Creek Bear Creek Scrub-Grass Slippery Rock Summerset the Crossings and Glade Run.

The Congregation of Muddy Creek having appeared by their Commissioner and offered no objection why Mr. Jennings should not be dismissed from said Congregation P.b.y did Therefore accept of his resignation.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 OClock

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *October 18th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Tyrone the 5 Sab of October at Pittstownship the 1st. Sab. of March.

Mr. Dunlap—at the Crossings the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at M. Town ye. 4th. Sab. March.

Mr. Jennings—at Turky Foot 1st. Sab. of Nov. and one Sab. Discretionary

Mr. McPherrin was appointed three Sab Discretionary as to T & P.

Mr. Hill—at Summerset the 4th. Sab of March and one Sab. Discre.

Mr. Swan at Ebenezer in Plumb Township ye. 3d. Sab of Nov. at Glade run the 1st. Sab of April.

Commissioners from the Congregations of Union & George Creek appeared and informed P.b.y that those Congregations had no objections against Mr. Smith's being dismissed from them. P.b.y did therefore unanimously agree to accept of Mr. Smith's resignation.

A Call from the United Congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill and also a call from the United Congregations of Bethel and Ebenezer on Black Lick For the Revd. David Smith were brought forward and read and presented by the Moderator to Mr. Smith for his consideration.

The Congregations of Union and George Creek requested to have as much of Mr. Smith's time appointed them between this and the Spring meeting of P.b.y as convenient.

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at discretion at George's Creek Union Rehoboth Round Hill Bethel and Ebenezer till the Spring meeting.

Messrs. James Power James Dunlap and John McPherrin were appointed a committe to assist in the examination of the Students at Cannonsburgh next week. No Commissioners from Wheatfield Congregation having appeared and Mr. Hill not urging a Dismission at present P.b.y agreed to defer the further consideration of that matter till their Spring meeting.

It was found upon enquiry that the recommendation of P.b.y to make contributions for the Academy at Cannonsburgh was attended to by some of the members; and whereas some of the members had not come prepared to contribute it was again recommended by P.b.y that such come prepared for that purpose at their next meeting

The Moderator having obtained leave of absence the remaining part of the present Sessions, Mr. McPherrin was appointed Moderator Pro tempore.

The following sums were received for the support of Missionaries

	£ S D
From Mr. Power, Mount Pleasant	3..00..0
From Unity and Salem	4..13..2
From Long Run & Sawickly	2..12..3
From Congruity and Poke Run	6..06..11½

P.b.y agreed to attend to a recommendation of the Synod to observe the afternoon of the first Tuesday in every quarter of the year as a time of prayer for a revival of religion.

Mr. Andrew Quinn having offered himself as a Candidate for the

Gospel ministry, and P.b.y having obtained sufficient Testimonials of his good moral character, of his regular standing in the church and of his having gone through a course of literature, proceeded to converse with him upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, and having obtained satisfaction agreed to take him upon trials, and appointed him to prepare an Exigesis upon the following theme An Christus qua Mediator adorandus sit.

Messrs. McPherrin Swan and Smith were appointed a Committee to examine Mr. Quinn on the Languages and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Adams was appointed to supply at Tyrone the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Turky foot the 1st. Sab. of Dec. at Summerset the 2d. at Stony Creek the 3d. Sab. of December. at Ebenezer on black Lick the 1st. Sab of Januy. at Bethel the 2d. at Glade Run the 3d. at Bull Creek the 2d. Sab. of February at Ebenezer in Plumb Township the 3d. at Pittstownship the 4th. Sab. at Round Hill the 3d. Sab. of March at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab. of March and all the remainder of time between this and the Spring meeting of P.b.y. Discretionary.

Adjourned to meet at mount pleasant the 4th. Tuesday of Dec. next
Concluded with Prayer.

Mount Pleasant *December 26th.* 1797.

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill and David Smith. Elders Messrs. John Jack Fergus Smith John Shields and Joseph Pierce.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap Jacob Jennings and William Swan.

P.b.y. was opened by the Revd. John McPherrin with a Sermon from Isai. 45. 9.

Mr. Porter's reasons for not attending the two last meetings of P.b.y were sustained.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y. were read except so far as respect supplies.

P.b.y. continue their recommendation to their members to come prepared to contribute for the use of Cannonsburgh Academy at their spring meeting.

Mr. Quinn brought in and read an exigesis on the subject appointed him at our last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to examine Mr. Gwin on the Languages reported that agreeably to their appointment they

proceeded to examine him on the Latin and Greek Classics and judged that his performances on those parts of literature might be sustained as parts of trial. P.b.y. did therefore agree to sustain it.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Gwin on Natural Philosophy and Astronomy and also on Divinity to some length and his performances on each of those branches were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y. appointed Mr. Gwin to prepare a Homily on 1. John 5. 7. and a Presbyterial exercise on 1 John 2. 2. Both to be delivered at the next meeting of Presbytery.

P.b.y. adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 OClock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *December 27th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer. Present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to assist in the examination of the Students at Cannonsburgh brought forward their report which was accepted

Mr. Porter requested leave to resign the Pastoral charge of Poke-run Congregation on account of his bodily inability to attend upon so extensive a charge.

P.b.y Thereupon did and do hereby Cite said Congregation to appear by their Commissioners at their next meeting to shew cause if they have any why P.b.y should not accept of Mr. Porter's resignation.

Upon enquiry Mr. Smith Declared his acceptance of the Call from the United Congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill and gave up the Call from the United Congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel on Black lick.

P.b.y adjourned to meet at Sawickly the second tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

The above record being reviewed was approved thus far

Winchester 1798 William Williamson Mr.

Sawickly, Tuesday *April 10th.* 1798.

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap John McPherrin Samuel Porter Georg Hill William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Messrs. William Latta Joseph Morrison James Parr John Hamilton John Robison Robert Campbel and Robert Moore.

Absent the Revd. Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y was opened by the Revd. James Dunlap with a sermon on Gal. 2. 20.

The Revd. John McMillan a member of Ohio P.b.y. being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent member.

Messrs. Dunlap's & Swan's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Ordered to read the minutes of the last fall meeting of P.b.y respecting supplies.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments.

Presbytery proceeded to receive supplications for supplies from the following vacancies viz. Buffaloe and Glade-run Canaqueneesing Thorn's Tent Stony-Creek Bear-Creek Scrubgrass Turky foot Sandy Creek Crab-Orchard and Crossings and for the administration of the Lord's Supper at Sandy Creek the 4th. Sab. of August.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o,Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April 11th.*—98

P.b.y met according to adjournment.

Present as above. Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read.

The Commissioners from Pok Run Congn. appeared agreeably to Citation and Presbytery having heard Mr. Porter's reasons for desiring a dismission and the Commissioner's reasons against it and maturely deliberated on the matter do judge that on account of Mr. Porter's bodily indisposition he should be dismissed.

Presbytery did therefore agree to accept of Mr. Porter's resignation of the Pastoral charge of Poke Run Congregation.

Mr. John Shields a Commissioner from Congruity Congn. Came before P.b.y. and presented an instrument of writing whereby it appeared that Congruity Congn. proposed to give the Revd. Samuel Porter for the whole of his labours as a minister of the Gospel the sum of one hundred and twenty Pounds clear of all deficiency the one half in merchantable wheat at five shillings pr bushel and the other half in Cash to be paid annually to Mr. Porter while he shall remain the regular Pastor of said Congn. the first year to commence the First of April 1798.

Mr. Porter agreed to accept sd proposal.

No Commissioners having appeared from Wheat field Congn. to

offer any reasons why P.b.y should not accept Mr. Hill's resignation of the pastoral charge of said Congregation P.b.y. did therefore agree to accept it. Mr. Hill informed P.b.y. that he had not served the citation to Fairfield and Donegal Congns.

A supplication for supplies was brought in from Poke Run Congn. and for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Messrs. Hill and Smith were appointed Commissioners to represent this P.b.y. in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to meet in Philadelphia the 3d. Thursday in may next.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply two Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Jennings was appointed to supply one Sab. discretionary and to administer the Lords supper at Sandy Creek.

Mr. Dunlap was appointed to supply the 3d. Sab of May at Rehoboth and at Morgan Town the 3d. Sab. of June.

Mr. McPherrin—at Thorns Tent ye. 4th. Sab of August at Scrubgrass ye. 1st. Sab. Sep.

Mr. Porter—at Roundhill the 3d. Sab of may. at Poke run the 1st. Sab. of September.

Mr. Hill—at Stony Creek the 1st. Sab. of May. at Geos. Creek the 4th. Sab. of May.

Mr. Swan at Poke Run the 3d. Sab. of May at Puckety the 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith—at the upper Settlements on Monongehalia 2 Sabs. discretionary as to time.

Mr. Adams—at George's Creek the 4th. Sab. of April at Union the 5th Sab. at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab. of may, at Crossings the 2d. at Tyrone the 3d. and at Turky foot the 4th. Sab. of May. at Glade Run the 1st. Sab of July, at Scrubgrass the 3d. Sab. and at Union on Canaqueneesing the 4th. Sab. of July.

A reference was brought forward from the Session of Rehoboth respecting a marriage between a certain John Jones and Elisabeth Kyle upon the absence of her former Husband Thomas Kyle for the space of two years and the probability of his death.

P.b.y. upon due consideration of the matter are of opinion that the marriage is not of such a nature as to exclude them from the priviledges of the church.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8, oClock.

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *April 12th.* 1798

P.b.y met according to adjournment. present as above. Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read

An application in writing from John Moore was laid before P.b.y requesting a redress for a grievance sustained by the committee of Unity Congn. They not being willing to grant him a dismission from said Congregation.

P.b.y. upon considering the matter are of opinion that they have no power to interfere in the civil matters of Congregations.

Upon enquiry it was found that the following sums were collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Ass. viz.

	£	S	D		£	S	D
From Poke Run	0..	18..	4	Congruity	1..	2..	6.
Laurel Hill	1..	13..	8.	Delaps Creek	1..	13..	10.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with mount pleasant Congregation whereby it appeared that there was due him from said Congn. the 1st. Instant £160.. 1.. 8.

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due him the first day of December last from Laurel Hill Congregation £150.. 8.. 6

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due to him the 1st. Instant from Unity Con. £46.. 5.. 3½ Salem 26.. 13.. 3

Mr. Porter reported that Poke Run and Congruity Congregations stood clear with him the first Instant.

Mr. Hill produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due to him the first instant from wheatfield Congn. £81.. 6.. 6. from Donegal £52.. S18.. D6 from Fairfield £52.. 4.. 7

Mr. Swan produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due to him the 15th. of last Nov. from Sawickly Congn. £81.. 4.. 7½

Mr. Smith produced no settlement.

Mr. Gwin Read discourses upon the subjects appointed him at our last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y. proceeded to examine Mr. Gwin upon moral Philosophy and his answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Gwin was appointed to prepare a lecture on Matt. 25. 1–13 to be delivered at our next meeting.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Unity the Fourth tuesday of June next. Concluded with Prayer.

UNITY *June 26th.* TUESDAY 1798

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Messrs. John Baird James McKee James Thomson William Waddle and James Guageby.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap and George Hill.

The Moderator of the present year being absent Mr. McPherrin was chosen Moderator pro tempore

P.b.y. was opened by Mr. Gwin with a lecture from the subject appointed him at our last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last meeting were read except so far as respects supplies.

Mr. Jennings' reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

It was found upon enquiry that the following additional sums were collected for the support of Commissioners to the General Assemby, viz

	£	S	D		£	S	D
From Mount pleasant	1..	16..	6	From Long Run	1..	3..	6.
From Sawickly	0..	16..	10½	From Unity	0..	18..	8.
From Salem	0..	17..	0.	From Rehoboth	1..	15..	0.
From Round hill	1..	4..	9.				

Mr. Francis Laird a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, having produced satisfactory credentials and having desired leave to itinerate in our vacancies, P.b.y. agreed to grant him liberty to supply therein at discretion.

P.b.y. adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *June 27th.* 1798

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. present as above Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Power McPherrin and Swan were appointed a standing Committee to examine the testimonials and direct the services of travelling ministers and candidates during the recess of P.b.y.

Upon motion resolved that whereas the vacancies have been and may be exposed to the imposition of ministers who are not altogether regular, that it will be deemed by this P.b.y. as contrary to the existing rules of this church and injurious to the cause of religion, for any vacant congregation under our care to countenance or admit to preach among them any Travelling minister who shall not produce a line of recommendation from our P.b.y. or from the Standing Committee of P.b.y. appointed to examine the testimonials and direct the services of travelling ministers and Candidates.

The Assembly having appointed the 4th. thursday of August next to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer throughout their churches, P.b.y agreed to attend to the appointment and recommended the careful observance of that day for the purposes specified in the pastoral letter of the Gen. Assembly to all the Congregations under their care.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Gwin on divinity to some length, his answers were sustained as part of trials and he was appointed to prepare a popular discourse on Zachariah 9. 11. to be delivered at our next meeting.

Upon enquiry it was found that Mr. Smith had fulfilled his appointment of Commissioner to the General Assembly.

A Presbyterial report was made out in order to be presented to the Synod at their next meeting.

P.b.y. adjourned to meet at Round hill the 3d. tuesday of Octr. next.

Concluded with Prayer.

ROUND HILL TUESDAY *October 16th.* 1798.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Messrs. John Neal John Allen Robert Adams Andrew Lorimer James Caldwell and Christopher Hydon.

P.b.y was opened with a discourse delivered by Mr. Gwin on the subject appointed him at their last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

Mr. Porter was chosen Modr. and Mr. Swan Clerk for the ensuing year.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last meeting were read.

Mr. Hill's reasons for not attending the General Assembly were sustained also Messrs. Dunlap's and Hill's reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members and licentiate had fulfilled their appointments made out to them at the Spring meeting except Messrs. Porter, Swan and Smith each in one instance their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

Applications for supplies were made by the following vacant Congregations viz. Puckety Poke Run Bull Creek Quemahoning and Wheatfield also by Pit township which last requested liberty to forward a call to the Carlisle Presbytery for Mr. Heron a licentiate under their care, which request was granted.

Supplications were presented from the following vacant Congregations viz. Thorn's tent Concord McKee's port and Scrubgrass

adjourned to meet to morrow morning at half past nine O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October* 17*th.* 1798

P.b.y met according to adjournment Present as above. Constituted with Prayer.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members had complied with the appointment of the General assembly with regard to the fast day.

A call was presented to P.b.y. for Mr. James Adams from the Congregations of Union Georges Creek and Muddy Creek but the Commissioner from Union Congn. not being able to give any satisfactory account respecting arrearages due to Mr. Smith and no Commissioner appearing from George's Creek P.b.y. did not think it proper to put said call into Mr. Adams' hand until Union and George's Creek Congns. produce a satisfactory settlement with Mr. Smith.

A reference was brought in from the session of Laurel Hill Congn. respecting a certain Sarah McCormick who had sworn a Child to a certain George Allen on the Eighteenth of June last which was born eleven or twelve years ago.

P.b.y. having taken all the testimony they could obtain respecting the matter were of opinion that it was not sufficient by any means to criminate George Allen.

An appeal having been brought before P.b.y. from a judgment of the Session of Unity Congn. by a certain Dany McClure whereby he was excluded the distinguishing priviledges of the church on account of his refusing to relinquish the practice of Free Masonry. P.b.y after duly considering the matter agreed to refer the same to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Gwin on Divinity as far as usual whose answers were sustained as part of trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday *October* 18*th.* 1798.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Present as above Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last session were read.

P.b.y recommended to its members and licentiates to comply with the injunction of the General assembly with regard to catechising vacant Congregations in their bounds so far as they can conveniently & of their diligence therein to render an account to P.b.y.

Presbytery having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. Andrew Gwin, of his having gone through a regular course of literature of his good moral character and of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; The Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of Trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did and hereby do license him the said Mr. Andrew Gwin to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y. or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply one Sab discretionary
Mr. Dunlap—at Morgantown the last Sab. of November
Mr. Jenning - at Turky foot the Third Sab. of November
Mr. McPherrin - at Puckety the First Sab. of April.
Mr. Porter—at Bear Creek the Fourth Sab. of october.
Mr. Hill—at Wheatfield one Sab. Discretionary as to time
Mr. Swan - at Bull Creek one Sab. Discretionary as to time.
Mr. Smith —at Union the fourth Sab. of october.
Mr. Adams—at Discretion until Spring meeting.
Mr. Gwin—at Glade Run the 1st. Sab. of Nov. at Scrubgrass the 2d. at Thorn's tent the 3d. and at Union the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Bull Creek the 1st. Sab. of December. at Pitt Township the 3d. at Puckety and Poke Run Four Sabs. at McKee's Port the 4th. Sab. of January. at Tyrone the 1st. Sab of Feb. at Summerset the 2d. at Quemahoning the 3d. and at Wheatfield the 4th. Sab of Feb. at Sandy-Creek the 2d. Sab. of March. at the Crossings the 3d. and at Morgan Town the 4th. Sabbath of March.

Adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant the second tuesday of December next—

Concluded with Prayer.

Mount Pleasant *December* 11*th.* 1798

P.b.y. met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter William Swan and David Smith. Elders Messrs. John Neal Joseph Morrison James Veach John Henry David Buchannon and John Power

Absent the Revd. George Hill.

P.b.y was opened with a sermon from Psalm 37. 3. By the Revd. Joseph Henderson formerly a member of Carlisle P.b.y.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last meeting were read except so far as respects supplies.

The Revd. Joseph Henderson appeared in P.b.y with a design of offering himself as a member but having forgot his dismission from the P.b.y. of Carlisle could not be regularly admitted but upon invitation took his seat as a correspondent member.

Mr. Dunlap having intimated to P.b.y, his intention of visiting some of the settlements on the Sciota next spring applied for testimonials of his standing as a member, which was granted, and the Clerk accordingly ordered to furnish him therewith.

P.b.y. unanimously agreed to observe to morrow as a day of Humiliation fasting and prayer

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning at 10 O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *December 12th.* 1798

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Present as above

P.b.y proceeded as before agreed to the business of the day.

Adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill the second Tuesday of April Next

Concluded with Prayer.

Laurel Hill Tuesday *April 9th.* 1799

P.b.y met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Messrs. Moses Latta James McCormick Andrew Allison Hugh McClerrin James Caldwell James Patterson and John Allison.

Absent the Revd. George Hill.

P.b.y. was opened with a sermon Delivered by the Revd. Joseph Henderson from Ephesians 5. 15. 16.

Agreeably to order the minutes of last meeting and of last fall meeting respecting supplies were read.

The Revd. Joseph Henderson appeared in P.b.y. and applied for admission, and having produced a regular dismission and certificate from the Presbytery of Carlisle of which he was formerly a member, was according (ly) admitted and enrolled a member of this P.b.y.

Commissioners appeared before P.b.y. from the Congregations of Union George's Creek and Muddy Creek and satisfyed P.b.y that the way was clear for their Call to be presented to Mr. Adams, P.b.y did accordingly put the Call from said Congregations into his hand.

Mr. Adams declared his accaptence of the call from the Congregations of Union George's Creek and Muddy Creek.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April 10th.* 1799

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Present as above Constituted with Prayer

A Call was presented from the United Congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel on Black Lick to P.b.y for the Revd. Joseph Henderson, which being put into his hand, he declared his acceptance thereof.

An application was made by the United Congregations of Union George's Creek and Muddy Creek for the ordination and installment of Mr. Adams in said Congregations, but P.b.y. finding that Muddy Creek Congn. lay in the bounds of Ohio P.b.y did not think it proper to proceed to Mr. Adam's Installment untill means should be used to have that difficulty removed.

Mr. Adams was appointed to deliver a discourse at our next meeting from 1. John 3. 1. preparatory to ordination.

Supplications for supplies were read from the following vacancies Mead Township on Shenango and Middlesex

Aplications for supplies were made from Pok run Pucketty Bull Creek Turky foot Morgan town, Sandy Creek and Middletown.

Pok Run and Puckety aplied to P.b.y for liberty to present a Call to the Carlisle P.b.y for Mr. Francis Laird a Licentiate under the care of that Presbytery, Which was granted.

The Revd. Messrs. John McPherrin and William Swan Mins. and Messrs. Edward Cook and John Allen Esqrs. Elders were appointed to attend the next General Assembly as Commissioners.

And in case of the failure of Messrs. McPherrin and Swan Messrs. James Power and George Hill were appointed

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Pitt Township the 4th. Sab. June

Mr. Dunlap at Sandy Creek one Sab. Discretionary as to time.

Mr. Henderson—one Sab. in Mr. McPherrin's pulpit in his absence to the General Assembly

Mr. Jennings—at Turky foot the 1st. Sab. of July.

Mr. McPherrin—at Pucketty the 4th. Sab. of August.

Mr. Porter—at Long Run the 4th. Sab. of May

Mr. Hill—one Sab. Discretionary as to time & place.

Mr. Swan—at Poke Run the 2d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Smith—at Morgan Town the 2d. Sab. of July

Mr. Adams—at Middletown the 1st. Sab. of August.

Mr. Gwin upon application was permitted to supply under the direction of the Commission of Synod until our fall meeting.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mount Pleasant Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him the 1st. of April £. 203.. 10.. 2.

Mr. Porter reported that he settled with his Congregation on the 4th. Instant when it appeared there remained due to him of the preceeding year's Salary the sum of £ 40.. 00.. 0.

Mr. Swan produced a settlement with Sawickly Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congn. stood indebted to him £.63.. 15.. 11½. due last november.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members had generally complied with the injunction of the General'Assembly in chatechising vacant congregations in their bounds.

Collections were received for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly from the following Congregations

From Unity £ 0. 11s..3 From Congruity £. 1.. 18.. 0.

P.b.y. Having observed a publication in the Pittsburgh Gazette under the signature of a Certain William Fullerton a member of Long Run Congregation which appeared to contain some things injurious to the character of the Revd. William Swan do hereby Cite the parties to appear before them at their next meeting and require said Fullerton to come prepared to support what he has presented to the public against Mr. Swan.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly the fourth Tuesday of June next

Concluded with Prayer.

Sawickly Tuesday *June 25th.* 1799

P.b.y. met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill William Swan and David Smith.

Elders Messrs. Hugh Martin John Barnett Thomas Armstrong John Wright and John Richy.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap and Joseph Henderson.

P.b.y was opened with a sermon from Acts 4th. 12. by the Revd. Samuel Martin a Member of Baltimore Presbytery.

Mr. Martin being invited took his seat as a correspondent member.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read except so far as respects supplies.

The Congregation of Pitt-Township having requested leave of P.b.y.

to forward a Call for the Revd. Samuel Martin to Baltimore Presbytery P.b.y. did grant their request.

Messrs. Swan and Fullerton agreeably to Citation appeared before P.b.y. and professed a willingness to have the matter of difference between them decided.

P.b.y. advised the parties to confer on the ground of difference before some of the members in order to adjust their Controversy and prevent a formal trial, the parties agreed to do so. Presbytery did therefore appoint a Committee consisting of the Revd. Messrs. Jennings McPherrin and Martin and Messrs. Wright and Martin Elders to endeavour an amicable adjustment between the Revd. William Swan and Mr. William Fullerton.

The Committee having retired for some time with the parties brought in the following report, That Mr. Swan and Mr. Fullerton had come to an amicable settlement and agreed to have the following piece under their signatures published in the Pittsburgh Gazette.

I take this opportunity to inform the public that whereas I offered to the public in your paper of February the 2d. 1799 a vindication of my character which I conceived injured in the public opinion respecting a misunderstanding between me and the Revd. William Swan I did not intend to insinuate anything which might either wound the moral character of Mr. Swan or injure his influence as a Gospel minister. I further declare that Mr. Swan and myself upon a friendly conference on the ground of difference, and discovering that the difference arose from the instrumentality of others have come to a most amicable adjustment. I therefore hope that the public will in future view us as Friends

William Fullerton.

I do hereby certify the above note of Mr. Fullerton respecting our adjustment to be true and proper and with him request the public to believe us friends William Swan.

Agreeably to the order of the Committee Mr. Fullerton Consented to forward the above notes to the printer for insertion

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *June 26th.* 1799

P.b.y met according to adjournment

Present as above. Constituted with Prayer.

Mr. Robert Steel lately from Ireland Informed the P.b.y that being under the necessity of precipitately laving his Country it was impracticable to obtain Testimonials of his standing as a Gospel Minister, only from his Congregation which he laid before Presbytery to-

gether with some letters from New York Philadelphia and Norfolk respecting his character and good standing in Ireland as a Gospel minister.

Presbytery having deliberated on the matter agreed to refer it to the Synod at their next meeting and permitted Mr. Steel to preach in their bounds in the meantime, but not to administer sealing ordinances or form a connection with any Congregation until the next meeting of Presbytery.

An application for supplies was made from the Congregation of Pittsburgh and Mr. Porter was appointed to supply there the 3d. Sab. of August.

Upon enquiry it was found that Messrs. McPherrin and Swan had fulfilled their appointments as commissioners to the General Assembly.

It appeared also that the following additional sums were collected for the support of commissioners to the General Assembly viz

	£ S D		£ S D
From Rehoboth	0..12..5	From Dunlaps C	£ 1.. 2.. 9
From Fairfield	0.. 7..6	Do. Donegal	— 0.. 7.. 6
Do. Salem	0..12..3	Do Sawickly	— 0..16..11½
Do.—Mount Pleasant	1..12..6		

An appeal was brought in by Daniel Flemming Esqr. from a judgment of the Session of Long Run Congregation whereby he was excluded from the priviledges of the church for not submitting to a rule of the P.b.y. respecting marriage

The P.b.y. having considered the matter confirmed the judgment of Session.

P.b.y injoined on its members to exert themselves in endeavouring to raise collections for the support of Missionaries and to report at our next meeting.

Mr. William Moorhead offered himself to P.b.y. to be taken on trials as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry

Presbytery having received sufficient Testimonials of his good moral character his being in full Communion in the church, and of his having gone through a regular Course of literature, proceeded to converse with him on his experimental acquaintance with religion and examined him on the learned languages and his answers on those subjects were sustained as parts of Trial.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Moorhead to prepare an exegesis on the following theme quid sit discrimen inter Foedera operum et gratiae. also a Homily on 1. John 4. 19 to be brough (t) in at our next meeting

Mr. Adams not having appeared at P.b.y in time to deliver a sermon

on the subject appointed him at our last meeting was required to preach from the same subject at our next Meeting.

Mr. Hill was appointed to preach a sermon previous to Mr. Adams' Ordination and Mr. Swan to preside and give the charge.

Adjourned to meet at George's Creek the 3d. Tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

The above records being reviewed were in the gineral approved by the Synod thus far

Shepherds Town 1799 signed

John McPherrin Modr.

Georges Creek *October 15th.* 1799

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin George Hill and David Smith

Elders Samuel McClain Charles Porter John Emly John Richy and William Lowry.

Absent the Revd. James Power Joseph Henderson Samuel Porter and William Swan.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Adam with a discourse upon the Subject appointed him at the Spring meeting which was sustained

Mr. McPherrin was chosen Moderator and Mr. Smith Clk for the ensuing year.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Dunlap McPherrin and Hill their reasons for which omissions were sustaind

Mr. Swan is now come and his reasons for not comming sooner were sustained.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Applications for supplies were brought in from the following vacant Congregations Union Town Pittsburgh, Union and Fairfield in Alleghany County Middltown Morgan Town Pitts township Tygarts Vally Clarksburgh Bull Creek Middlesex Thorns Tent Canaqueneseing Slippery Rock Scrubgrass Bear Creek and Stony Creek.

A Call was presented to Presbytery for Mr. Andrew Gwin from the United Congregations of Union and Fairfield in the County of Alleghany which was put into his hands for Consideration.

The Congregation of Beaver Creek applied for Mr. Gwin to be appointed there as a stated supply the next winter.

The Congregations of Middletown and Morgantown applied for as much of Mr. Gwin's time as could be granted.

P.b.y finding that The Synod had not decided on Mr. Robert Steels case but referred the matter to the General Assembly concluded that the proceedings of the Synod had rendered it impracticable for them to admit Mr. Steel to preach under their Authority until the mind of the Assembly be known.

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning at 9, OClock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 16th.*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Present as above

agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

it was found from an extract of the minutes of the Synod at their last meeting that the Synod had annexed the Congregation of Muddy Creek to this Presbytery.

It was therefore agreed to comply with the application made by the United Congregations of Union George's Creek and Muddy Creek for the Ordination and instalment of Mr. Adams in said Congregations.

P.b.y proceeded to converse with Mr. Adams on his knowledge of Church history and to examine him on the rules and principles of the Government of the Church and agreed to sustain his examination.

P.b.y proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Adams and did by the imposition of hands and prayer solemnly ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel ministry.

Mr. Adams did then take his seat as a member.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the 1st. Sabbath of March.

Mr. Dunlap—at Morgan Town the 2d. Sabbath of November, at UnionTown the 1st. Sabbath of February

Mr. Henderson—at Pittsburgh the 2d. Sabbath of November at Bear Creek the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Porter—at Middlesex the 2d. Sabbath of November at Union Town the 2d. Sab of April.

Mr. Jennings—at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab. of April at Tygarts Vally the 2d. Sab. of April.

Mr. McPherrin at Pittstownship the 4th. Sab. of October at Tyrone the 1st. Sabbath of March.

Mr. Hill—at Stony Creek the 4th. Sabbath of November at Wheatfield the 2d. Sabbath of Dec.

Mr. Swan—at Cannaquenesing the 3d. Sabbath of November at Pittstownship the 2d. Sab. of April.

Mr. Smith—at Scrubgrass the 1st. Sabbath of April at Slippery Rock the 2d. Sab. of April.

Mr. Adams—at Middletown the 4th. Sab. of November at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab of April.

Mr. Gwin—at Middletown Morgan Town PittsTownship Fairfield and Union in Alleghany and Beaver Until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9, OClock
Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday 9, oClock

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Upon enquiry it was found that the Committee of overtures of the General assembly were unwilling to take up the reference from this P.b.y respecting free Masonry as they judged that the session was Competent to the business.

The following additional sums were brought forward for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

	£ S D		£ S D
Delaps Creek	0.. 9.. 11½	Round Hill	0.. 9.. 7

Upon Enquiry it was found that some of the Members had attended to the injunction of P.b.y. for raising Collections for missionaries.

The following sums for that purpose were Collected

	£ S D		£ S D
From Salem	2–2–6	Unity	1.. 10.. 8½
Little Redstone	1..3..10½	Sawickly	1.. 16.. 0
Long Run	1..8..6½	Rehoboth	5.. 12.. 6
Round Hill	3..15..1		

The members who have not attended to the injunction are required to attend to it before the next meeting of P.b.y.

A letter was read addressed to this P.b.y From the Synod of Virginia whereupon it was resolved that the members should pay due attention to the contents of that letter and also it was resolved that this letter be read at the two succeeding meetings of this Presbytery that all the members may be fully possessed of the sentiments therein contained.

Presbytery finding that the last Thursday of November was appointed by the Synod of Virginia as a day of fasting and prayer for reasons specified in their minute agreed to observe their appointment.

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with the Congregation of Laurel Hill whereby it appeared that there was due to him the first of December last the sum of £ 151.. 18.. 10.

Upon enquiry it was found that Mr. Fullerton had not complied with the agreement at our last meeting of inserting the adjustment be-

tween him and Mr. Swan in the Pittsburgh Gazzette, whereupon the Stated Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Fullerton and enjoin upon him to perform his agreement previous to the next meeting of Presbytery or otherwise appear at said meeting and give reasons why he has not complied, and in case of his not publishing or appearing before P.b.y to offer reasons for not publishing Then P.b.y would publish the pieces under Mr. Swans signature and his.

Mr. Moorhead brought in and read an exigesis and Homily on the subjects appointed him at their last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Moorhead was appointed to prepare a Presbyterial exercise on Romans 3. 25 and a Lecture on James 2. 14—ad finem to be delivered at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 4th. Tuesday of December next

Concluded with Prayer.

REHOBOTH *December 24th.*. 1799.

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted wt. Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Jacob Jennings Samuel Porter John McPherrin William Swan David Smith and James Adams.

Elders Samuel Finley David Buchannan John Morison James Thomson Andrew Brown John Flenagan and William Forsythe

absent the Revd. Joseph Henderson and George Hill.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Moorhead with a Lecture on the subject appointed him at their last meeting which was sustained as part of trials

The Revd. Messrs. John McMillin Thomas Moore & Boyd Messer members of Ohio Presbytery being present and invited took their seats as correspondent members.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read except so far as respects supplies.

Messrs. Power's and Porter's reasons for not attending our last meeting were sustained.

Mr. Fullerton appeared before P.b.y and offered some reasons against his publishing according to agreement the adjustment between him and Mr. Swan and moreover declared his desire to have a full invistigation of the matter before P.b.y.

Mr. Fullerton was judged faulty by P.b.y in declining. Nevertheless they deemed it fit to enter into an investigation of the whole business and having found that the parties were not prepared for a trial

they were requested to be ready for that purpose against our next meeting

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 10 OClock

concluded wt. Prayer.

Wednesday *December 25th.*. 1799

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Members present as above Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

It appeared that Mr. Jennings had attended to the injunction for Collecting money for the Missionaries from Delaps Creek £ 2.. 14.. 2 The other members who had not Collected were required to attend to that business before the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. McPherrin was appointed Treasurer to receive the monies that might hereafter be collected for the support of missionaries to be paid by him into the hands of the treasurer of the Commission of Synod.

Two calls were brought into P.b.y for Mr. Gwin one from the Congregations of MorganTown and Middle Town The other from Pidgeon Creek and Pike Run which were both put into his hands by the Moderator for his consideration

Upon enquiry Mr. Gwin gave up the call from the United Congregations of Union and Fairfield and also the Call from Morgan Town and Middle Town and declared his acceptance of the Call from the United Congregations of Pidgeon Creek and Pike-Run. He was therefore dismissed from under the jurisdiction of this P.b.y. and required to repair to the bounds of Ohio P.b.y and place himself under their care. Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had observed the fast appointed by the Synod at their last meeting.

The Congregations of Morgan Town and middle Town applied for liberty to supplicate Ohio P.b.y for supplies and also to lay in a call to that P.b.y, for some one of their licentiates if they find it proper, which was granted.

Daniel Flemming appeared before P.b.y and declared his dissatisfaction in not being admitted to lay in his defence in writing when his case was before them.

P.b.y agreed to hear his defence in writing and judged it best to have the whole business recommitted to the session, and at Mr. Swan's request to have the assistance of some neighbouring minister and Elders, Mr. McPherrin minister and James Caldwell George Shields and Joseph Pierce Elders were appointed to attend to that matter in connection with the session of Long Run, on the second monday of January next.

Mr. Moorhead brought in and read a presbyterial exercise upon the

subject appointed him at our last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Moorhead on Moral and natural Philosophy and on Divinity and his performance was sustained as part of trials.

He was then appointed to prepare a popular discourse to be delivered at our next meeting from Proverbs 8. 4.

Adjourned to meet at Long Run the 2d. Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Long Run *April 8th.* 1800

Presbytery met according to adjournment

constituted with Prayer

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Joseph Henderson Samuel Porter John McPherrin George Hill William Swan David Smith and James Adams

Elders John Baird Joseph Morison Patrick Jack Jonathan Doty John Woods Matthew Turner Robert Wilson & Samuel Salsbury.

Absent the Revd. Jacob Jennings.

P.b.y was opened with a sermon by Mr. Moorhead from the subject appointed him at their last meeting which was sustained as part of trials.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read and of the fall meeting as far as respects supplies.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Power Henderson Porter and Smith in one instance each their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

Mr. Henderson's reasons for not attending the three last meetings of P.b.y and Mr. Hill's for not attending the last were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9, OClock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April 9th.*.

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. William Moorhead of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, of his being in communion in the church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for licensure and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishment in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion and as to his proficiency in Divinity and the other studies, The P.b.y did and hereby do express

their approbation of all these parts of trial and he having adopted the confession of Faith of this church and satisfactorily answered the Questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, The Presbytery did and hereby do license him the said Mr. Moorhead to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the Holy ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y or wherever he shall be orderly called.

P.b.y proceeded to take up a reference from the Session of Congruity respecting a certain Patrick McWade who was charged by a certain Mary Amely with being the Father of her bastard child.

P.b.y having obtained all the light they could upon the case, are of opinion that the testimony offered is not sufficient to convict McWade of the crime alledged against him.

The United Congregations of Bull Creek and Middlesex requested leave to present a call to the Ohio P.b.y for a certain Mr. McClain or any other Licentiate under their care.

Applications for supplies were made from the following vacant Congregations viz Sandy-Creek Thorns Tent Poke Run Pitts-township Union and Fairfield in Buffaloe township Union Town Quemahoning Wheadfield Slippery Rock Scrub grass Bear Creek and Tyrone.

The Congregation of Union and Fairfield applied for liberty to make application to the Ohio P.b.y for such supplies of licentiates under the care of that P.b.y, as they can obtain which was granted.

The Revd. James Power and James Dunlap Ministers and Edward Cook and John Wright Elders were appointed commissioners to attend the next General assembly

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the third Sabbath of April

Mr. Dunlap—at Union Town the 2d. Sabbath of August at the Crossings one Sabbath Discretionary

Mr. Henderson—at Fairfield in Buffaloe Township the 3d. Sab. of June Mr. Power's pulpit the 2d. Sab. of May.

Mr. McPherrin—at Wheatfield the 3d. Sab of May another Sab discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Porter—Mr. Power's pulpit the 4th. Sab. of May at Poke Run the 1st. Sabbath of May.

Mr. Hill—at Stony Creek the 4th. Sabbath of April at Pitts Township the 5 Sabbath of August.

Mr. Swan—at Tyrone the 2d. Sabbath of September at Pitts township the 2d. Sabbath of april—Mr. Dunlap's pulpit the 4th. Sabbath of May.

Mr. Smith—at Bear-Creek the 4th. Sabbath of August at Scrubgrass the 5th. Sab of August.

Mr. Adams—Mr. Dunlap's pulpit the 2d. Sabbath of May at Tyrone the 5th. Sabbath of August.

Mr. Jennings—at Sandy-Creek the 2d. Sabbath of June, one Sabbath discretionary as to time & place.

Mr. Moorhead—at Tyrone the 2d. Sabbath of April at Pitts Township the 4th.. at Poke Run the 3d. Sab of April at Pittsburgh the 1st. Sabbath of May at Union Town the 3d. Sab. at Morgan Town the 4th. Sabbath of may at Fairfield the 3d. Sab. of July at Thorn's Tent the 4th. at Bear-Creek the 1st. Sabbath of August at Scrubgrass the 2d. at Slippery Rock the 3d. Sabbath of August and the remainder of his time discretionary till the fall meeting.

The Revd. Thomas Moore a member of the Ohio Presbytery being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Mr. Swan and Mr. Fullerton appeared before P.b.y agreeably to citation and declared a readiness to have the matter of difference between them investigated.

Upon recourse to a publication in the Pittsburgh Gazzette under the signature of William Fullerton P.b.y found the following charges contained in that piece by Mr. Fullerton against the Revd. William Swan viz.

1st. the charge of dishonesty. 2d. the charge of two very indecent letters.

3d. That Mr. Swan gave vent to a torrent of abuse and misrepresentation.

4th. that Mr. Swan propagated or countenanced Slanderous reports.

Jonathan Smith solemnly declared that he never heard Mr. Swan say anything injurious to Mr. Fullertons character.

That with respect to the silver watch mentioned in the publication it was evident the outside case was dinged and that the hinge of the inside case was broke tho not easily discovered and further saith not.

David Shields solemnly declared that he never heard Mr. Swan say anything injurious to the character of Mr. Fullerton, but believes from some circumstances that Mr. Swan suspected that Mrs. Fullerton was the author of a letter which was sent him signed by Mr. Fullerton. This deponent further said, that the epithets which he applied to Mr. Fullerton's character did not respect the difference between Mr. Swan and Mr. Fullerton, but between said deponent and Fullerton.

The Revd. James Power being called and duely sworn did testify that he purchased the foresaid silver watch in the year 1793 for a new one of Mr. Heep of shipensburgh at first cost for Five pounds seventeen and sixpence. That Mr. Campbel of Beason Town a silver smith said it was a good one and purchased at a low price. That Mr. Heep sold for Twenty Dollars watches of equal quality and price which he had purchased at the same time.

James Caldwell being called upon and duly sworn did testify that he was one day at the house of the Revd. William Swan when he was writing one of the letters above mentioned to sd. Fullerton and understood by the drift of Mr. Swans Conversation that he suspected that the letter

sent to him with Mr. Fullertons signature affixed to it was written by his wife.

the further consideration of Mr. Swan's and Mr. Fullerton's case was deferred until to morrow.

Adjourned to meet at this place to morrow morning at nine, OClock concluded with Prayer.

Thursday morning P.b.y met agreeably to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last Session were read.

A reference from the Session of Salem Congregation was brought in respecting a charge taken up *Fama Clamosa* against Samuel McPherrin of Countenancing and encouraging his son Robert in fighting and of using profane language.

P.b.y having examined the documents presented for their consideration and having taken all the light which they could obtain are of opinion that altho it is highly probable, that in the darkness of the night and agitation produced by the quarrel all the evidences understood the conduct of Samuel McPherrin as they related it upon Oath yet from comparing all the attending circumstances P.b.y judge that Samuel McPherrin ought to stand acquitted of the charges.

It appeared from the report of the Minister and Elders appointed to assist the Session of Long Run in Daniel Flemmings Case, that the matter was settled agreeably to ye. mind of Daniel Flemming & ye Session.

P.b.y resumed the business respecting Mr. Swan and Mr. Fullerton and having taken all the testimony which they could obtain proceeded to deliberate on the matter and are unanimously of opinion that all the charges exhibited in the Pittsburgh Gazette under the signature of William Fullerton dated January 18th.. 1799 against the Revd. William Swan are altogether unsupported except the charge of two very indecent letters which are in part supported

as to the letters P.b.y are of opinion that altho Mr. Swan received considerable provocation, yet they especially the latter were not written with that Spirit of meekness and caution which becomes a christian and much more a minister of the Gospel, and therefore as far as a contrary spirit prevails in them it is entirely disapproved of by P.b.y.

And whereas Mr. Fullerton has implicated in his publication against Mr. Swan the charge of dishonesty, and has expressly charged him with giving vent to a torrent of abuse and misrepresentation propagating or countenancing scandalous reports and has in the opinion of P.b.y not only failed to support these charges but been guilty of an

evident violation of the rules of the Church in reporting to a newspaper publication hereby Slandering the character of a Gospel minister in a very extreme degree,

P.b.y judge that he be rebuked by the moderator and excluded from the privilidges of the church until he shew satisfactory evidence of repentance for his fault and that this judgment respecting him be read in public in both Mr. Swan's Congregations

Mr. Swan being present acquiesced in the judgment of Presbytery.

Upon enquiry it was found that the following sums were collected for commissioners to the General Assembly viz.

	£	S	D		£	S	D
From Union	0..	16..	0	From George's Creek	0..	16..	0
New providence	0..	11..	2	Bethel	1..	4..	2
Mount Pleasant	1..	6..	9	Salem	1..	2..	6
Unity	1..	2..	6	Fairfield & Donegal	1..	7..	5½
Congruity	0..	16..	6				

Adjourned to meet Tomorrow morning at 9, OClock

Concluded with Prayer.

FRIDAY *April 10th.*.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment—Constituted with Prayer.

Present as above except Messrs. Henderson and Adams Ministers and Patrick Jack John Baird and Samuel Salsbury Elders who obtained leave of absence last evening—and also Mr. Porter who has absented himself since yesterday at noon without leave.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Power reported a settlement from Mt. Pleasant by which it appeared that that Congregation were indebted to him

£	S	D
236..	7..	1

Mr. Dunlap produced a settlement with Laurel Hill Congregation whereby it appeared that there was due to him from sd. Congregation

£	S	D
205..	1.	10.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement whereby it appeared that Unity Congregation was indebted to him the 1st. instant

£	S	D
47.	16..	0
40..	13..	9

Salem Congregation

Mr. Hill produced a settlement whereby it appeared that there was due to him from Fairfield Congn.

£	S	D
88	7..	7½
67..	4..	11½

From Donegal

Mr. Smith reported no settlement.

Mr. Adams reported a settlement with New Providence Congregation whereby it appeared that there was due to him from said Congregation

£	S	D
36..	0..	2

Mr. Swan reported that there was due to him from long Run Congregation

£	S	D
69..	17..	0½

Mr. Hill reported that he had raised the following sum for Missionaries

£	S	D
2..	0..	2½

P.b.y enjoined upon all their members to attend diligently to raising collections for Missionaries before the fall meeting.

Mr. Fullerton being present submitted to the judgment of P.b.y in his case and was rebuked by the moderator

Upon motion resolved that it shall be the duty of the members composing this P.b.y to open P.b.y by rotation beginning at the Senior end of the Roll and that it shall be the duty of the member whose turn it shall be to open P.b.y to be present at the place of meeting at the hour appointed and in case of his absence it shall be the duty of the next on the Roll to take his place and in this case it shall be the duty of the member failing to attend to open the next Presbytery.

Mr. John Boyd offered himself to be taken on trials as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

P.b.y having received testimonials of his good moral character his being in full communion in the church and having gone through a regular course of literature proceeded to converse with him on his experimental acquaintance with religion and the motives which influenced him to desire said office, and having received satisfaction agreed to take him on trials and appointed him an exigisis on the following theme Num Infantes fidilium baptizandi sunt to be brought in at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Mount Pleasant the 4th. Tuesday of June next

Concluded with Prayer.

The above Records from page 136 being reviewed were in the general approved by the Synod thus far. Winchester October 2d. 1801.

Signed

Amos Thompson Moderator.

Mount Pleasant *June 24th.* 1800

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap John McPherrin Samuel Porter and William Swan. Elders John Jack, William Findley, John Sheilds, and John Shaw. Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings George Hill, David Smith, and James Adams. P.b.y was opened by Mr. Dunlap with a sermon from Eclesiastes 9. 10. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read, except so far as they respect supplies.

Mr. Porter's reasons for leaving P.b.y towards the close of the last sessions were sustained.—Upon enquiry P.b.y found that the Commissioners appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly had fulfilled their appointment. Mr. Porter reported that Congruity Congregation was indebted to him the first of last April £60..0..0.

Mr. Francis Laird, formerly a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, appeared at P.b.y and expressed a desire of being taken under their care, and having produced sufficient Testimonials certifying that he had accepted a call from the United Congregations of Puckety and Poke Run, and a dismission from the Presbytery of Carlisle, was received accordingly.

Two commissioners from the United Congregations of Puckety and Poke Run appeared before P.b.y requesting that Mr. Laird might be ordained in said Congregations as soon as convenient.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 OClock
Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday morning

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Members present as above.—Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read. Mr. Laird was examined on his acquaintance with experimental religion which was sustained as part of tryal; and was appointed to prepare a discourse on John 6. 44. to be delivered at our next meeting.

The Revd. Robert Steel an ordained minister from the Presbytery of London Derry in Ireland appeared at Presbytery and expressed a desire to be taken on probation by them agreeably to the regulations of the General Assembly respecting the introduction of foreign ministers. P.b.y having considered the written evidences of Mr. Steel's learned education, proceeded to examine him as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, soundness in the faith, and capacity for resolving cases of conscience, but the Presbytery hearing that the above regulations of the Gen. Ass. were modifyed at the last sessions and not hav-

ing the minutes in pos(ses)sion, and not having received all the satisfaction from Mr. Steel which they desired on the subject of experimental religion agreed to postpone the business until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. McPherrin applied for a dismission from Unity Congregation, and Presbytery finding by two Commissioners from said Congn. who appeared before them for that purpose, that Unity Congregation was satisfyed that Mr. McPherrin should be dismissed, he was dismissed accordingly.

Mr. Boyd having brought in and read an exegesis on the subject appointed him at our last meeting P.b.y proceeded to examine him on his knowledge of the latin and Greek languages, and of natural Philosophy all which were sustained as Parts of tryal.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Boyd to prepare an Homily on Isa. 63. 2. and a Presbyterial exercise on John 7.'38 to be read at their next meeting Presbytery agreed to proceed to the ordination of Mr. Francis Laird at their next meeting, and Mr. Dunlap was appointed to preach the ordination sermon and Mr. Power to preside. Adjourned to meet at Poke Run on the 3d. Tuesday of October next

Concluded with Prayer.

Poke Run *October 21st.* 1800

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power James Dunlap Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin. Samuel Porter George Hill William Swan and James Adams.

Absent the Revd. David Smith.

Elders Samuel Potter, James Parker Samuel Dickson James Parr John Cochran & James Cowan.

Presbytery was opened by Mr. Laird with a discourse on the subject appointed him at our last meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clk for the ensuing year Mr. Power was chosen Moderator and Mr. Swan Clerk. The Revd. Mr. John Black a member of the Presbytery of Carlisle being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Mr. Waddle an Elder of Unity Congregation appearing in P.b.y with evidence of his being appointed by the session of said Congregation to represent them in P.b.y took his seat accordingly. Mr. Denny an Elder of the Congregation of Pittsburgh appeared in P.b.y with a commission from the Session of said Congregation as their representative, and was accordingly admitted to a seat. Supplications for supplies were brought in and read from the following vacant Congregations,

viz. Bear Creek, Scrubgrass, Sandy Creek, Concord, Thorn's Tent. Applications from the following vacant Congregations were made, viz. Tyrone Morgantown Clarksburgh Tygarts Valley Middle Town, Union and Fairfield in Armstrong County Pittstownship and Unity.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning by 10 OClock at Conrad Ladawicks. Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 22d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted wt. Prayer.

Members present as above—Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

P.b.y proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr. Laird and also to examine him on Church history and discipline and agreed to sustain the whole as parts of trial.

P.b.y proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Francis Laird and did by the imposition of hands fasting and Prayer solemnly ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Laird did then take his seat as member his Elder is Mr. Rough. Mr. Steel appeared before P.b.y and expressed a desire of being re-examined in order to their satisfaction. P.b.y accordingly proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion his knowledge of Church history and discipline and received such satisfaction as induced them, upon his having adopted our standards of doctrine discipline and Government and promising subjection to the P.b.y in the Lord to take him on probation.

Mr. Steel was appointed to deliver a discourse at our next meeting on 1. Cor. 2. 14. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 7, O'Clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday *October 23d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply one day at Pittsburgh one day discretionary as to time, and at Union town the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Dunlap—at Union Town the 4th. Sab of Nov. at Tyrone the 1st. Sab of April.

Mr. Henderson—at Wheat field the 1st. Sab. of Nov. at Fairfield the 4th. Sab of November.

Mr. Jennings—at Morgan Town the 3d. Sab of Nov. and one Sab. discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. McPherrin—at Tyrone the 3d. Sabbath of November and one Sab. discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Porter—at Bear-Creek the 4th. Sabbath of November and at Scrubgrass the 1st. Sab. of December.

Mr. Hill—at Brush Vally the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Quemahoning the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Swan—at Pitts township the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Middlesex the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Smith—at Sandy Creek one Sab. and another at Morgan Town both discretionary as to time.

Mr. Adams—at Middle Town the 4th. Sab. of Nov. at Sandy-Creek the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Laird—at Thorn Ridge the 4th. Sab. of Nov. and at Concord the following Sab.

Mr. Moorhead was appointed to supply at Scrubgrass two thirds of his time. the remainder at discretion until our Spring meeting

Mr. Steel was appointed to supply at Pittsburgh until our sprlng meeting except one Sab. at Pitt Township discretionary as to time, and two others north-West of the Allegany River discretionary as to time and the particular place.

Special application was made by the commissioners from Unity Congregation for Mr. Black's being permitted to officiate in said Congregation and Greensburgh as a stated supply until our Spring meeting which was granted.

A reference from the Session of Mount pleasant Congregation respecting a difference between John Latta and Moses Latta was laid before the P.b.y. Upon an investigation of the business The P.b.y considered it to be their duty to propose an accommodation to the parties, the result of which was that a friendly understanding and agreement took place between them. Moses Latta acknowledged that he had acted under the influence of mistaken Ideas, and the character of John Latta appeared to stand Clear.

A reference from the session of Bethel Congregation respecting an accusation brought by a certain James Wilkins against John Allison a member of the Session of said Congregation wherein he charges him viz. John Allison with a lie. P.b.y after receiving all the Testimony they could obtain with respect to the matter, are unanimously of the opinion that the charge of James Wilkins against John Allison remains unsupported.

The following sums were brought in for the support of Commissioners to the Gen. Ass. viz

	£ S D
from Little Redstone	11 3

	£ S D		£ S D
From Ebenezer on B.lick	-18-3	From Sawickley	1-2- 6
From Long Run	-5-10½	From Puckety	1-2-10
From Reholoth	1.5 -		

The following sums were brought in for the support of Missionaries viz

	£ S D.		£ S D
From Congruity	2–4–4.	From Sawickley	1– 2– 6
From Long Run	4–2–0½	From Salem–	3– 3– 9.

Mr. Boyd brought in and read an homily and Presbyterial exercise on the subjects appointed him at our last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr. Boyd was appointed to deliver a lecture at our next meeting on the 68 Psalm from the 17th–21 verses inclusive.

Adjourned to meet at Congruity the 4th. Tuésday of December next

Concluded with Prayer

Congruity *December 23d.* 1800.

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter William Swan and David Smith. Elders Messrs. John Baird Andrew Kincaid John Moore Joseph Collins Andrew Lorimer and John Gwin. Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap, Joseph Henderson Jacob Jennings George Hill James Adams and Francis Laird.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Boyd with a lecture on the subject appointed him at their last meeting.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read except so far as respects supplies.

Mr. Laird is now come and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

A call from the United Congregations of Scrubgrass and Bear Creek, also a Call from the United Congregations of Thorn ridge and Concord to Mr. William Moorhead were brought in and read. P.b.y agreed to put them into his hand, who took them under his consideration.

Mr. Black being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Presbytery proceeded to consider the Lecture delivered by Mr. Boyd which was sustained as a part of trial.

Mr. Smith's reasons for not attending the two last meetings of P.b.y were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9'O'Clock at the House of Hugh McClerrin

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *December 24th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above. Mr. Robert Wilson an Elder from Ebenezer Congregation under Mr. Henderson's care being present was admitted to a seat.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

A supplication was brought in from a number of persons belonging to the Presbyterian profession in Pittsburgh requesting supplies.

P.b.y were of opinion that the Prayer of the supplication cannot be granted, on account of some existing difficulties in the Congregation, and with a reference to said difficulties agreed that their next meeting should be in Pittsburgh.

The Revd. John Black having produced a dismission from the Carlisle P.b.y with Testimonials of his being a regular member in good standing and expressing a desire of joining this P.b.y was accordingly received.

P.b.y finding that Unity Congregation had not discharged their Arearages due to Mr. McPherrin did enjoin it upon said Congn. to have them discharged before their next meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Boyd on Moral Philosophy and Divinity whose answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Boyd was appointed to deliver a discourse at the next meeting of P.b.y from Acts 13. 26 last part of the verse. To you is the word of &c.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the 3d. Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Pittsburgh, *April 21st.* 1801

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. John Black, James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob Jennings, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, William Swan, David Smith James Adams and Francis Laird. Elders Messrs. John Miller, James Parr, Hugh McClerrin, George Plummer, John Power, Robert Richey, Michael Rough, and andrew Lorimer.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson and George Hill.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Black with a sermon on Gal. 4. 19.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Steel's reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Mr. Boyd Mercer a member of the Ohio P.b.y being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

A supplication for supplies from the Congregation of Sandy Creek was brought in and read. Commissioners from Pitts Township Congregation applied to P.b.y for liberty to supplicate the Ohio P.b.y for the Revd. Boyd Mercer as a stated supply the one half of his time for one year.

Application was made by the Congregation of Pittsburgh for Mr. Steel as a stated supply until P.b.y shall finally receive or reject him.

Application by the inhabitants of McKee's Port and its vicinity was made for liberty to supplicate the Ohio P.b.y for one half of the Revd. Boyd Mercer's Ministerial labours as a stated supply for one year.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O'Clock Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *April* 22*d*.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above. Agreeably to order the minutes were read.

Mr. Henderson is now come whose reasons for not coming as also for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained. His Elder is Robert Robertson.

P.b.y considering the applications of Pitts township and McKee's Port Congregations agreed to grant them in connection the liberty Prayed for. Mr. Steel delivered a discourse on the subject appointed him at their fall meeting and P.b.y appointed him to deliver a sermon at their next fall meeting on Rom. 3 last, as further part of trials.

Agreeably to the injunction of P.b.y Mr. Lorimer a Commissioner from Unity Congregation produced a settlement and receipt in full from under the hand of Mr. McPherrin.

P.b.y proceeded to the appointment of Commissioners to the General Assembly When the Revd. Messrs. John Black and Joseph Henderson Ministers and Messrs. John Power and John Baird Elders were appointed, their Commissions were ordered to be made out and signed by the Moderator and Clk.

Mr. Boyd delivered a discourse on the subject appointed him at the last meeting of P.b.y which was sustained as a part of trial.

Adjourned to meet To morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday *April* 23

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted wt. Prayer.

P.b.y having received sufficient Testimonials in favour of Mr. John Boyd of his having gone through a regular course of Literature, of his

good moral Character, and of his being in the Communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his Licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in Literature: as to his acquaintance with experimental religion; as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the P.b.y did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church; and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed The P.b.y did, and hereby do license him, the said Mr. John Boyd to Preach the gospel of Christ; as a probationer for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this P.b.y or wherever he shall be orderly Called.

Applications were made P.b.y for supplies from the following vacant Congregations viz. Thorn Ridge, Concord, Bear-Creek, Scrubgrass and Unity.

A supplication was brought in from Greensburgh for Mr. Black as a stated supply one half of his time until fall meeting of P.b.y

An application from Unity Congregation for Mr. Black as a stated supply two thirds of his time until the fall meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Black was appointed a stated supply between Unity and Greensburgh in such proportion as they and he shall agree until next fall meeting of P.b.y and to supply at Tyrone the 4th.. Sabbath of August.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the 3d. Sab. of June.

Mr. Dunlap to supply at Morgan-Town on the 2d. Sabbath of August

Mr. Henderson—at the forks of Yellow Creek one Sabbath discretionary.

Mr. Jennings—at Sandy Creek on the 4th. Sabbath of June.

Mr. McPherrin—at Concord on the 3d. Sabbath of June.

Mr. Porter—at Unity Congregation on the 1st. Sabbath of June.

Mr. Swan.—at Bethel on the 3d. Sabbath of May.

Mr. Hill to supply at Ebenezer on Black lick on the 1st.. Sabbath of June.

Mr. Smith—at Union Town on the second Sabbath of August.

Mr. Laird to supply one day at discretion both as to time and place

Mr. Adams—at Sandy-Creek on the 3d. Sabbath of August.

Mr. Boyd was appointed to supply at Fairfield on Sab. ensuing—the 1st. Sabbath of May at Union—2d. Sab. do. at Tyrone—3d. at Sandy Creek—4th. at Morgan-Town—5th. at Middle Town—1st. Sabbath of June at Clarksburgh—2 and 3 in Tygarts Vally—From thence until the 3d. Sabbath of July at discretion, on the 4th. Sabbath at Fairfield—1st. Sabbath of August at Union—2d. at Thorn Ridge—3d. at Concord—4th. at Bear-Creek—5th. at Scrubgrass—1st. of September at Silver Spring—2d. at Franklin—3d. at Oyl Creek—4th. at Colts Station 1st. Sabbath of October at La Beuf from thence until the fall meeting at discretion.

Mr. Moorhead requested leave of P.b.y to travel for his health until the next fall meeting. his request was granted and the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the requisite Testimonials.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with his Congregation signed by their Commee. from which it appeared that they were in arrears to him on the 1st. Instant the sum of two hundred and thirty one Pounds twelve shillings and one penny.

Mr. Dunlap represents that his Congregation were in arrears to him on December last the sum of £ 236.. S 14. 0.

Mr. Henderson states that he has not had a settlement with his Congregations, but, that in his opinion, they are not much if anything in arrears.

Mr. Jennings produced a settlement with his congregation from which it appears that they were on the 15th. Instant in arrears to him the sum of

£ 65–5–7.

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with his Congregation stating that they were in arrears to him on the 1st.. Instant

£ 40.. 13.. 1.

Mr. Swan produced a settlement with Sawickly Congregation by which it appeared that said Congregation were indebted to him on the 15th.. of Nov.. last the sum of £ 82.. 11. 0.

Mr. Smith reported that Rehoboth Congregation were indebted to him on the 1st. Instant £ 28.. 2.. 9—No settlement with Round Hill Congn..

Mr. Adams produced settlements by which it appeared that New Providence Congregation were in arrears to him the sum of S d

£68.. 19.. 11—

the Congregation of Union the sum of S d

£24.. 8.. 2—.

and the congregation of George's Creek the sum of S d

£25.. 0.. 10.

Mr. Laird reported no settlement with his Congregations.

Collections for Commissioners to the General Assembly were as follow

	£ S D		£ S D
From Mr. Power	1– 2–6	From Mr. McPherrin	1–15–8
From Mr. Porter	—0–16–8	From Mr. Dunlap.	2– 5–5 for 2 years
From Mr. Swan	—1–15–7½	From Mr. Adams	1– 2–0
From Mr. Laird	—1–13–2	From Mr. Jennings	2– 8–1
From Mr. Smith	—1– 4–4½		

Mr. John Wright offered himself to be taken on trial as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry. P.b.y having received testimonials of his good moral character, his being in full Communion in the Church and having gone through a regular course of Literature, proceeded to converse with him on his experimental acquaintance with religion and the

motives which induced him to desire said office and having received satisfaction agreed to take him on trials, and appointed him to prepare an exegesis on the following theme Num poena a Deo in reos missa sit semper ad eorum reformationem designata. and an homily on Heb. xi. 1st. to be delivered at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Delaps Creek the 3d.. Tuesday of October next

Concluded with Prayer.

Delaps Creek *October 20th.* 1801

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. John Black James Dunlap Joseph Henderson Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter George Hill William Swan David Smith and Francis Laird.

Elders Messrs. John Allen, William Rose John Barnett John Richey and Joseph Pierce

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power and James Adams.

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year when the Revd. John Black was chosen Moderator and the Revd. Francis Laird Clerk.

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Robert Steel with a sermon on Romans 3. 31 as appointed at our last meeting.

Mr. William Dunning appeared as a ruling Elder from Pittsburgh Congn. produced a commission from said Congn. was received and took his seat accordingly. Agreeably to order the minutes of last meeting were read. Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments. Mr. Boyd also informed P.b.y that he had fulfilled his appointments.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday *October 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. James McLane, a Licentiate formerly under the care of the Carlisle P.b.y and Mr. Abraham Boyd a Licentiate formerly under the care of the Ohio P.b.y each having produced a dismission and Testimonials of their good standing from their respective Presbyteries and having expressed a desire of being taken under the care of this Presbytery were accordingly received.

P.b.y proceeded to examine the discourse delivered by Mr. Steel yesterday and did not sustain it but agreed to continue him on further trial, and appointed him to prepare a discourse on Matt. 11. 28 to be delivered at their next Spring meeting.

Mr. William McCleary having produced a certificate of his being appointed by the Congregation of Morgan Town to represent said Congregation in P.b.y as an Elder was accordingly admitted to a seat.

A Call from the United Congregations of Union and Fairfield to Mr. John Boyd a Licentiate of this P.b.y was brought in and read, P.b.y agreed to put Said Call into his hand who declared his acceptance thereof.

Whereas Mr. McPherrin by his dismission from Unity Congregation stood related to Salem Congregation only the one half of his time as a stated Pastor—and altho he continued to labour the whole of his time in Salem Congregation to which he was bound for the half only, yet he was not under any explicit or formal obligation—Therefore a Call from the said Congregation of Salem to Mr. McPherrin for the whole of his time was brought in and read—Pb.y put said Call into Mr. McPherrin's hands who declared his acceptance thereof.

Mr. Dunning obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

Applications for supplies were made from the following vacancies viz: Sandy-Creek, Morgan Town, Tygarts Valley, Franklin, Oyl Creek. La Beuf, Wheatfield Quemahoning Bear-Creek, Scrubgrass, Middle-Town Clarksburgh, and from Unity and Greensburgh for the whole of the Revd. John Black's time as a stated supply until the Spring meeting of P.b.y; also an application was made by Yellow Creek and other Neighbouring places for the whole of Mr. McLane's time as a stated supply until Spring meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Black was appointed as a stated supply at Unity and Greensburgh until the Spring meeting except the 4th. Sab of Nov and the 1st. Sab. of April at Summerset.

Mr. Dunlap was appointed to supply at Union Town the 2d. Sab. of December at Morgan Town the 2d. Sab of Nov.

Mr. Henderson—one day at discretion as to time and place and at Tyrone the 2d. Sabbath of December.

Mr. Jennings at Sandy Creek one day at discretion.

Mr. McPherrin—at Quemahoning the 2d. Sab. of December at wheatfield the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. Porter—two Sabbaths discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Hill—at Quemahoning the last Sab. of March at Union Town the 4th. Sab of October.

Mr. Swan—at Tyrone the 4th. Sabbath of Nov. one day at discretion as to time & place.

Mr. Smith—at Sandy-Creek the 1st. Sabbath of January, and one Sabbath at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Laird—two Sabbaths at discretion as to time and place

Mr. Power.—two Sabbaths at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Adams—at Morgan Town the 2d. Sab of March and at middletown the 3d. Sabbath of March.

Mr. McLane was appointed as a stated supply at Yellow Creek and the neighbouring places at discretion until the spring meeting.

Mr. John Boyd—at Oyl Creek and La Beuf each one Sab. at discretion.

Mr. Abraham Boyd—at Franklin and Bear Creek each one Sab. at discretion

P.b.y finding that the Synod of Virginia had at their last meeting erected a new P.b.y known by the name of the P.b.y of Erie to meet on the 2d. Tuesday of April next, on motion agreed to dismiss Messrs. John and Abraham Boyd on their request to put themselves under the care of the P.b.y of Erie when it shall be constituted, in the bounds of which they have accepted Calls.

Ordered that the Clerk furnish them with an attested Coppy of the above minute Mr John Boyd with a certificate also of his licensure and standing and Mr. Abraham Boyd with a certificate of his admission and standing.

It appeared that the Revd. John Black and Joseph Henderson Commissioners to the General Assembly had fulfilled their appointment.

Mr. Black paid in five Dollars collected from Unity Congregation for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

P.b.y on finding that some of the members have raised collections for the missionary fund and that others have neglected it do recommend it to their members that have been deficient to be assidious in raising collections for that purpose. Collections for the Use of the missionary fund now received were

	£	S	D
From Mr. Hill	2..	2..	10.
From Mr. Porter	3..	4..	4½
From Mr. McPherrin	3..	9..	4.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded wt. Prayer.

THURSDAY *October 22d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above except Mr Dunning who had leave of absence Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Wright read discourses on the subjects appointed him at our last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. James Gutherie offered himself to be taken on trial as a candidate for the Gospel ministry P.b.y having received testimonials of his good moral character of his being in full communion in the church and having gone through a regular course of literature, proceeded to converse with him on his experimental acquaintance with religion and the motives which influenced him to desire said office and having received satisfaction agreed to take him on further trial and assigned him an exegesis on the following theme Quomodo miracula probant Scripturas Sacras esse divinas—And an homily on 1. John 4. 9 to be delivered at their next meeting.

Mr. Jennings paid in 33 Dollars and ten Cents Collected from the Congregation of Delaps Creek for the missionary fund.

Messrs. McPherrin and Swan Ministers and Messrs. McCleary Pearce Richey and Barnett Elders obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

P.b.y assigned Mr. wright a Presbyterial exercise on John 6. 44 to be delivered at their next meeting.

On motion ordered that Messrs. Black McPherrin and Hill be appointed a committee to *prepare a history* of this P.b.y agreeably to the order of the General Assembly and to lay it before the P.b.y at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly on the 3d. Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

April 20th. 1802 Sawickly P.b.y Met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Steel with a sermon on Matt 11. 28. Members present the Revd. Messrs. John Black James Power James Dunlap Joseph Henderson Jacob Jennings John McPherrin Samuel Porter, William Swan David Smith James Adams and Francis Laird. Elders Messrs. Joseph Morrison John Marshal James Vetch, Robert Taylor, Thomas Robertson, John Power, Joseph Hadden Matthew Gordan and Marmeduke Wilson.

Absent the Revd. George Hill. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

On enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Black Adams and Laird, in one instance each, their reasons for which failures were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer

Wednesday *April 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer

Members present as above

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read

On enquiry it was found that the following members had brought in Collections for the use of the *missionary fund.* viz.

	£	S	d
Mr. Power from Mount pleasant Congregation	3	10	3
Mr. Henderson from Bethel and Ebenezer Congs.	4	17	7
Mr. Adams from Union Congregation	1	10	0
Mr. Laird from Poke Run and Plumb Creek	2	17	0

P.b.y proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr. Steel yesterday and agreed to sustain it as part of trial.

Mr. Steel having now gone through the several parts of trial agreeably to the regulations of the General Assembly for the admission of foreign ministers, P.b.y did from the combined evidence *of the whole* agree to receive him as a member.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk lay *before the Synod* at their next meeting a Coppy of the above minute together with all the certificates and other Testimony on which Mr. Steel was received.

Mr. Swan paid in 18.. D 10 C Collected from the Congregations of long Run and Sawickly for the use of the missionary fund.

P.b.y proceeded to the appointment of Commissioners to the General Ass. When the Revd. Messrs. David Smith and James Adams Ministers and Messrs. James Flanegen and John Power Ruling Elders were appointed

Ordered that their Commissions be made out and signed by the Modr. and Clk.

An appeal was brought in to Presbytery from a judgment of Plumb-Creek session by a certain John Kerr by which judgment he conceived himself agreived P.b.y having duly examined and considered said judgment and the Testimony on which it was founded did confirm the same.

Applications were made for supplies from the following vacancies viz

From *Pittsburgh* for Mr. Steel as a stated supply until the next meeting of P.b.y Sandy Creek for supplies, From Bethel at Morgan Town for supplies and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. From the United Congns. of Unity and Greensburgh for Supplies and for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Unity, From Tyrone for supplies. From Bethlehem for Mr McLane as a stated supply until the fall meeting of P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock Concluded with Prayer

THURSDAY *April 22d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer. Mem bers present as above. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read

Mr. Adams requested leave of P.b.y to resign his Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Muddy Creek.

Mr. John Flaneken having appeared as a Commissioner duly authorized from said Congregation informed P.b.y that Muddy Creek Congregation were willing that Mr. Adams should be dismissed from them. P.b.y agreed to grant Mr. Adams' request and dissolved his relation to said Congregation.

Mr. Haddan obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

Application for supplies was made on behalf of Muddy Creek Congregation.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mountpleasant Congregation by which it appeared that said Congn. were indebted to him on the 1st. instant £ 223.. S 4.. D 8.

Mr. Jenning reported no settlement.

Mr. Henderson reported that the Congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel were clear with him on the 1st. of last June.

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with the Congregation of Congruity whereby it appeared that there was due from sd. Congn. on the 1st. Instant £ 26.. S 6.. d 7

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with the Congregation of Salem whereby it appeared that there was due from said Congn. the 1st. Instant £. 29..–S 19..–d 3.

Mr. Swan produced a settlement with his Congregation whereby it appeared that there was due on the 15th. of Nov. last from Long Run Congregation £ 86.. S 6. D 6. and from Sawickly £ 82.. S 14.. d o

Mr. Adams produced a settlement with Union Congregation whereby it appeared that there was due to him from said Congregation on the 20th. of October last the sum of £ 21.. S 17.. d 7.

Mr. Smith produced a settlement with his Congregations whereby it appeared there was due to him on the 1st. Instant from Rehoboth Congregation the Sum of £ 35.. S 4.. d 5½ and from Round Hill Congn. £ 58– S 14.. d 7

Mr. Laird reported that there was due to him on the 8th. Instant from Poke Run Congregation about the sum of £ 28– 6– o and from Plumb Creek £ 56.. o.. o

Mr. Dunlap reported no settlement between him and his Congn.

P.b.y enjoined it on the Congregation of Muddy Creek to satisfy Mr. Adams with respect to the arrearages due him and make report at our next meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draught of the *history of this P.b.y* agreeably to the requisition of the General Assembly produced a draught accordingly which after some corrections was adopted and ordered to be signed by the stated Clerk and transmitted to the General Assembly at their next meeting by the Commissioners of this P.b.y to that body.

P.b.y. finding that several Congregations are considerably *in arrears* to their respective Pastors did recommend and enjoin it on all those who are in this predicament to be punctual and speedy in discharging such arrearages and thereby prevent those evils which may be expected to arise from such delinquencies. Ordered that a Coppy of the above minute be transmitted to the Eldership of the Congregations of Mount pleasant, Laurel Hill, Dunlaps Creek, Long Run, Sawickly Round Hill, Fairfield and Dunnegal and that said Congregations appear by their Commissioners at the fall meeting and satisfy P.b.y with respect to their compliance with said injunction

P.b.y appointed Messrs. Mc.Pherrin and Smith as a committee to settle with the treasurer and make report at their next meeting.

Mr. Black informed P.b.y that he declined to officiate as a stated supply at Unity and Greensburgh—expressed a purpose to travel—and requested that he might be furnished with regular Testimonials, and exercise his ministry at discretion until the fall meeting of P.b.y, Which was granted.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the 3d. Sab. of May at Tyrone the 3d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Dunlap—at Tyrone the 1st. sab. of June at Muddy Creek the 2d. sab. of August.

Mr. Henderson to supply one sabbath at discretion as to time and place the 2d. Sabbath of October at Summerset.

Mr. Jennings - at Muddy Creek the last Sab. of June at Rehoboth one sabbath at discretion.

Mr. McPherrin 2 sabbaths at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Porter—to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Unity the 3d. Sab. of August and to supply one Sab. in Greensburgh at discretion.

Mr. Swan—at Tyrone the last Sab. of August and one Sabbath at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Smith two Sabbaths discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Adams—to supply one Sab. at Morgantown and one Sab at Sandy Creek at discretion as to time.

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply two Sabbaths discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Hill—two Sabbaths at discretion as to time and place

Mr. McLane—to supply at Bethlehem and Yellow Creek until the fall meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. Henderson paid in S 10.. D 4 Collected from Bethel Congregation and £ 1.. S 5.. D 3 from Ebenezer for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Mr. Jennings from Delaps Creek £ 1.. S 2.. D 6. Mr. Smith from Round Hill (Rehoboth?) £ 0.. S 16.. D 10½ and from Round Hill £ 1.. S 10.. D 11. Mr. McPherrin from Salem £ 0.. S 12.. D 4½

Mr. Gutherie read the discourses assigned him at our last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Wright read a discourse on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of P.b.y which was sustained as part a of trial.

P.b.y proceed(ed) to examine Messrs. Gutherie and Wrigh(t) on the Latin and Greek Languages and agreed to sustain the specimen which they gave of their acquaintance as a part of trial.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Wrigh(t) a lecture on 1. John 1st. Chapter and Mr. Gutherie a Presbyterial exercise on Heb. 2d Chapter 2d. verse first Clause to be delivered at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Salem on the 4th Tuesday of June next Concluded with Prayer.

SALEM, *June 22d.* 1802

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Wright with a discourse on the subject appointed him at their last meeting.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. John Black, James Power, James Dunlap, John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill William Swan and Francis Laird. Elders Messrs. John Donaughy Thomas Armstrong John Taylor and Joseph Ogdon.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings David Smith and James Adams.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last sessions were read, except so far as respects supplies.

Mr. Hills Reasons, for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

P.b.y proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr. Wright and agreed to sustain it as a part of trial.

Mr. Gutherie read a discourse on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of P.b.y which was sustained as part of trial.

The following sums were paid into the hands of the treasurer for the support of Comissioners to the General Assembly viz by Mr. Power Collected from Mount pleasant Congn. £ 2.. S 9.. D 6

	£	S	D		£	S	D
Mr. Hill from fairfield	1..	10..	0	and from Dunnegal—	0..	15..	0.
Mr. Laird from Poke Run	1..	3..	6½	and from Plumb Creek	1..	2..	6.
Mr. Swan from Long Run	0..	17..	9	and from Sawickly	0..	17..	1.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning by 9 O'Clock Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *June the 23d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members Present as above Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committe appointed to settle with the Treasurer reported that, after all demands were satisfyed, there remained a ballance in the hands of the Treasurer of £ 4.. S 4.. D 0¾.

Messrs. *Robert MGarraugh and James Galbreath* appeared and offered themselves to be taken on trial for the Gospel ministry. P.b.y having found upon enquiry that they had gone through a regular course of Literature and having received sufficient Testimonials of their good moral character and of their being in the communion of the Church proceeded to converse with them respecting their experimental acquaintance with religion and the motives exciting them to desire the sacred office of the Gospel ministry and having proposed some cases of Conscience did upon the whole agree to receive them, on further trial.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Galbraith to prepare an Exegesis on the following theme viz Nun foedus operis Cum Adamo solo an etiam cum Eva pactum fuit, and Mr. MGaraugh an Exegesis also on this theme, Num doctrina particularis electionis in Sacris Scripturis fundamentum habet: both to be read at their next meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. Gutherie and Wright on Natural Philosophy and some length in Theology and agreed to sustain the specimens which they gave of their acquaintance therein as a part of trial.

P.b.y appointed Mr. Wright to prepare a popular Sermon on John C 3. V 16 and Mr. Gutherie to prepare a Lecture on Rev. 3. Chapter 7 last verses both to be delivered at their next meeting.

Mr. William Moorhead expressed a purpose to *travel* out of the bounds of P.b.y and requested to be furnished with requisite Testimonials which was granted

Adjourned to meet at Fairfield on the 3d. Tuesday of October next. Concluded with Prayer.

FAIRFIELD TUESDAY *October 19th* 1802

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, James Dunlap, Jacob

Jennings, Samuel Porter, Robert Steel, George Hill, William Swan and David Smith. Elders Messrs. John Jack, James Parker, Robert Baird, James McKee, Daniel Hendricks, James Caldwell, William Steel, John Brown, Andrew Kinkaid and James Bready. Absent the Revd. Joseph Henderson, John McPherrin, James Adams and Francis Laird.

P.b.y was opened by Messrs. Wright and Gutherie with discourses on the subjects assigned them at their last meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, when it appeared that the Revd. David Smith was chosen Moderator and the Revd. Robert Steel Clerk.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read

The Revd. John Black was removed by death on the 16th day of August last.

The Revd. *William Spear* a member of Washington P.b.y being present and invited took his seat as a correspondent.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning by 9 o'Clock concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Oct. 20th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Henderson is now come his reasons for (not) comming sooner were sustained.

Messrs. Jennings, Hendersons, and Smiths reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained. On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Messrs. Henderson and Hill in one instance each their reasons for which omissions were sustained.

P.b.y proceeded to consider the discourses delivered by Messrs. Wright and Gutherie and agreed to sustain them as parts of trial.

A Call was presented to P.b.y from the Congregation of Pittsburgh for the Revd. Robert Steel, which was put into his hands by the Moderator and Mr. Steel declared his acceptance there of.

The Revd. Boyd Mercer presented a Certificate of dismission from the P.b.y of Ohio and of his good standing, and expressed a desire to be received as a member of this P.b.y. Where upon P.b.y after due consideration judged that there were existing *impediments* to the formal reception of Mr. Mercer, but agreed to permit him, until those impediments are removed, to itinerate in their bounds, and recommended

it to Mr. Mercer as soon as convenient to procure the necessary credentials for his regular reception to membership.

Mr. Steel requested leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery which was granted.

Applications for supplies were made from the following vacant Congregations viz. Greensburgh, Unity, Morgan Town Wheat Field Bethlehem Yellow Creek and Pitts Township

Mr. Bready requested leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery which was granted.

Upon enquiry it was found that the Revd. David Smith, and Mr John Power had fulfilled their appointments as commissioners to the General Assembly P.b.y proceeded to examine Mr. Wright on the remaining part of the system of Theology also to examine Mr. Wright and Mr. Gutherie on Moral Philosophy whose answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Messrs. MGaraugh and Galbraith brought in and read, each an Exegesis on the theme appointed at the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *October 21st.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above, except Messrs. Steel and Bready who had leave of absence

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

P.b.y having received sufficient Testimonials in favour of Mr. *John Wright*, of his having gone through a regular course of Literature; of his good moral character and of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in Literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with Religion; an as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies: The P.b.y did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; The P.b.y did and hereby do license the said Mr. John Wright to preach the Gospel of Christ as a Probationer for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y or where ever he shall be orderly called.

Mr. Dunlap brought forward a settlement with Laurel Hill Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to

him a ballance of £58.. 18..9 due the 1st. Day of December last.

Mr. Hill brought forward a settlement with Dunnegal Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance (of) £109.. 4.. 7½ due the 1st. of April 1802.

P.b.y having found that those Congregations to which Transcripts of a former minute had been sent, Containing an injunction to discharge their arrearages to their respective Pastors, had been but very *partially* complied with and with little effect, did renew said injunction and require that said Congregations with promptitude and vigor enter into and effect that business, that thereby evils of a very great magnitude, and Serious consequence, which are otherwise likely to ensue may be prevented, and that said Congregations do by their Commissioners satisfy P.b.y at their Spring meeting with regard to their Compliance with said Injunction.

Ordered that a Coppy of the above minute be transmitted to the Eldership of each of the above described Congregations.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the 4th. Sab. of November.

Mr. Dunlap was appointed to supply at Morgan Town the 3d. Sab. of November.

Mr. Jennings—to supply one Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. McPherrin—to supply at wheat field the 1st. Sabbath of March.

Mr. Porter to supply at Pitts township the 5th. Sabbath of October.

Mr. Hill—to supply at Unity the 1st. Sabbath of November.

Mr. Swan—to supply at Pitts township the 1st. Sabbath of April.

Mr. Smith—to supply one Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Adams—to supply at Sandy Creek one Sabbath discretionary.

Mr. Laird—to supply at Greensburgh one Sabbath discretionary as to time.

Mr. Steel—to supply at Pitt Township one Sab. discretionary as to time.

Mr. McLane was appointed to supply at Yellow Creek the one fourth and at Bethlehem the one third of his time until Spring meeting also one Sabbath at Wheat Field and one Sab. at Stony Creek the remainder of his time discretionary as to place.

Mr. Wright was appointed to supply at Union Town the 1st. Sab. of November, at Morgan Town the 2d. at middle Town the 3d. at Clarksburgh the 4th. Sab. In Tygarts Valley two Sabbaths at Crab Orchard the 3d. Sab. of December. at Sandy Creek the 4th. Sabbath of December. at Turky foot the 1st. Sabbath of February at Summerset the 2d. at Stony Creek the 3d. at Wheatfield the 4th. at Unity the 1st. Sabbath of March, Greensburgh the 2d. Pitt Township the 3d. at McKeesport the 1st. Sabbath of April.

P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. MGaraugh and Galbraith on the learned Languages whose answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Gutherie was appointed to deliver a popular discourse at the

next meeting of P.b.y on these words, Now the just shall live by faith Heb. 10. 38.

Mr. Galbraith was appointed to prepare an Homily on Eccles. 12. 13. and a Presbyterial exercise on Heb. 4.. 11 to be read at the next meeting of P.b.y.

Mr. MGaraugh was appointed to prepare an Homily on 2 Cor. 5. 17 and a Presbyterial exercise of Rev. 22. 14 to be read at the next meeting of P.b.y

Adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill the 3d. Tuesday of April next Concluded with Prayer.

LAUREL HILL *April 19th.* 1803

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, James Dunlap Jacob Jennings John McPherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Swan, David Smith James Adams and Francis Laird. Elders Messrs. James Holiday Robert Adams, John Barnett, John Sheilds, James Cowan, George Shields, David Frame, William McCleary and James Gutherie.

Absent the Revd. Joseph Henderson and Robert Steel.

Mr. Steel being absent Mr Adams was chosen Clerk Pro Tempore

P.b.y was opened by Mr. Gutherie with a discourse on the subject appointed at their last meeting which was sustained as part of trial.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Messrs. McPherrin's Adam's and Laird's reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Upon enquiry it was found that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Mr. Jennings whose reasons for omission were sustained.

Mr. Wright also informed P.b.y that he had fulfilled the appointments made him except in one instance, his reasons for which omission were sustained.

The Revd. William Speer formerly a member of Washington P.b.y having produced a dismission from that P.b.y and testimonials of his good standing requested to be received as a member of this P.b.y. He was received accordingly.

A Call was brought forward from the United Congregations of Greensburgh and Unity for the Revd. William Speer, which was put into his hands by the Moderator, and he declared his acceptance thereof.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 OClock Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *April 20th.*

P.b.y met according to Adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. McPherrin having requested leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Salem, and it appearing by Commissioners duely appointed, that said Congregation was willing that Mr. McPherrin should be dismissed: P.b.y agreed to grant his request.

Mr. Dunlap having requested leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Laurel Hill, P.b.y Cited said Congregation to appear by their Commissioners at their next meeting to shew reasons if they have any why his request should not be granted. Ordered that a Coppy of the above minute be read in Laurel Hill Congregation by Mr. Dunlap.

Applications were made for supplies from the following vacant Congns—viz Morgan Town Middle Town Pitts township Tygarts Valley, Salem, Summerset Quemahoning, Sandy Creek, wheat Field, Monongehala Glades, and Clark's Burgh, the Congregations of Morgan Town and Salem applied for the administration of the Lords Supper.

The following sums for the support of Missionaries were paid viz

From	£	s	D		From	£	s	D
Rehoboth Congregation	4..	15..	0.		From Round Hill	2..	9..	0
From Fairfield	2..	7..	6.		From Dunnegal	1..	0..	3

P.b.y proceeded to examine Messrs. MGaraugh and Galbraith on the System of Theology and also Mr. Gutherie on the latter part of said system whose answers were sustained as parts of trial.

P.b.y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. James Gutherie of his having gone through a regular course of Literature; of his good moral character and of his being in the Communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in Literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the P.b.y did and hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered, the Questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed: the P.b.y did and hereby do License him, the said Mr. James Gutherie to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y, or where ever he shall be orderly Called.

The Revd. Messrs. Swan, Speer, and Adams Ministers and Mr. Robert Ritchey Elder were appointed Commission er)s to attend the General Assembly at their next meeting.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply the 3d. Sabbath of May at Long Run and the 1st. Sabbath of August at Union Town.

Messrs. Dunlap and McPherrin were appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Morgan Town the 2d. Sabbath of August—Mr. Dunlap was appointed to supply at Union Town the 3d. Sabbath of May.

Mr. Jennings was appointed to supply at George's Creek the 1st. Sab of June and one Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. McPherrin was appointed to supply at Pitt Township the 4th. Sab. of June at Union Town the 3d. Sab. of July and at Morgan Town the 1st. Sab. of August.

Messrs. Porter and Hill were appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Salem the 2d. Sabbath of June.

Mr. Porter to supply the 4th. Sabbath of April discretionary as to place.

Mr. Hill to supply at Unity the 3d. Sabbath of May.

Mr. Swan was appointed to supply at Pitt Township 2d. Sab. of September

Mr. Smith was appointed to supply at Sawickly the 5th. sab. of May and one Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Adams was appointed to supply one Sabbath discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply at Greensburgh the 4th. Sabbath of May at Pitt Township one Sabbath discretionary as to time.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9, O'Clock Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY 21*st*.

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above except Mr. Jennings who obtained leave of absence Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read

Mr. Henderson was appointed to supply at Salem the 1st. Sab. of June and One Sabbath at Wheatfield at discretion.

Mr. Steel was appointed to supply two Sabbaths at discretion as to time and place

Mr Wright was appointed to supply at Union Town on the 1st. Sabbath of May, at Pitt Township on the 2d. at Salem on the 1st. Sabbath of July—at Pitt Township four Sabbaths discretionary—at Salem the 4th. Sabbath of July—at Wheat Field on the 1st. Sab of August—at Summerset the 2d. Sab. of August—at Turkey foot the 3d.—at Morgan Town the 1st. Sab. of September—at Middle Town the 2d.—at Clarksburgh the 3d. and at Tygarts Valley the 4th. Sab. of Sep.

Mr Gutherie was appointed to supply at Pitt Township on the 1st. Sab. of May at Salem the 2d.—at Wheatfield the 3d.—at Quemahoning the 4th.—at Summerset the 5—at Turkey foot on the 1st. Sabbath of June—at Union Town on the 1st. Sab of July—at Morgan Town the 2d.—at Middle Town the 3d. at Clarksburgh the 4th.—at Tygarts Vally on the 5th. Sab. of July and 1st. Sabbath of August—at Monongaha Glades on the 2d. Sab of August—at Sandy Creek the

3d. at Turkey foot the 4th and 1st. Sabbath of September—at Quemahoning the 2d.—at Wheatfield the 3d.—at Salem th(e) 4th. and at Pitt-Township the 1st. Sabbath of October.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mount pleasant Congregation whereby it appeared that Said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £209.. 7.. 9 due the 1st. Instant.

Mr. Dunlap reported no settlement with his Congregation.

Mr. McPherrin produced a settlement with Salem Congregation whereby it appeared that Said Congregation Stood indebted to him a ballance of £17.. 9.. 5 on the 1st. Instant.

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with Congruity Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £33.. 00.. 7 on the 1st. Instant.

Mr. Swan produced a settlement with each of his Congregations whereby it appeared that the Congregation of Sawickly stood indebted to him a ballance of £53. 7. 7 on the 15th. of Nov. last, and the Congregation of Long Run a ballance of £62.. 5.. 6 on the Same Date.

Mr. Smith reported no settlement with his Congregations.

Mr. Adams produced a settlement with Union Congregation whereby it appeared that Said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £29.. 14.. 6 due the 18th. Instant.

Mr. Laird reported no settlement with his Congregations.

Mr. Hill produced a settlement with his Congregations whereby it appeared that the Congregation of Fairfield stood indebted to him a ballance of £98.. 17.. 3 due the 1st. Instant, and the Congregation of Dunagal a ballance of £134.. 14.. 4½ due on the same date.

The following sums were paid for the support of Commissioners to the General Assembly viz

	D. C		D C
From Mount Pleasant	2.. 31	From Dunlap's Creek Congregation	2.. 38
From Unity	3. --	From Laurel Hill	3.. —
From Congruity	2. 13	From Union	2.. —
From Fairfield	2.. 0	From Long Run	1.. 37
From Plumb Creek	3. 17	From Dunagal	1.. —
		From Poke Run	1.. 33.

On enquiry it was found that the injunction to those Congregations who were in arrears to their ministers any sum exceeding fifty pounds to endeavour to have their arrears discharged as soon as possible had *not been* fully Complied with, therefore on motion resolved that the

above injunction continue in force until the object thereof shall be accomplished.

Whereas Mr. Mercer has failed in complying with the expectations of P.b.y in removing those impediments which lay in the way of their receiving him it is therefore agreed by P.b.y to forbid Mr. Mercer itinerating in their bounds longer than their next meeting of P.b.y unless he satisfies them respecting those difficulties; and request him in the mean time not to interfere with those Congns—in which ministers are settled in the execution of any part of his ministerial office.

Ordered that a Coppy of this minute be transmitted to Mr. Mercer by the stated Clerk.

A reference was brought in from Poke Run Session respecting John Gordon and Agnes his wife who were married on the last Day of April 1801 and had a child born to them on the 23d. Day of October following, who both declared that the Child was begotten in lawful wedlock.

P.b.y having heard all the testimony before them and maturely deliberated on the subject were unanimously of opinion that they could *not be* admitted to the destinguishing priviledges of the Church in as much as they appear to have been guilty of Antenuptial fornication until they give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Messrs. MGarraugh and Galbraith brought in and read discourses upon the subjects appointed them at the last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. MGarraugh was appointed to prepare a lecture on Isai. 6 Chapter from the beginning to the 9th. verse and Mr Galbraith was appointed to prepare a Lecture on the 4th. Chapter of Malachi both to be delivered at the next meeting of P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 OClock Concluded wt. Prayer.

Friday 22*d.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted wt. Prayer

Members Present as above except Messrs. Porter and Speer who obtained leave of absence.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read

Adjourned to meet at Unity on the 4th. Tuesday of June next. Concluded with Prayer.

Unity *June 28th.* 1803

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Samuel Porter

Robert Steel William Swan David Smith, William Speer and Francis Laird.

Elders Messrs. John Baird, John Moore, James B. Clow William Finley and Johnathan Doty.

Absent The Revd. Messrs. James Dunlap Joseph Henderson Jacob Jennings John McPherrin George Hill and James Adams.

P.b.y was Opened by Messrs. MGarraugh and Galbraith with discourses on the subjects appointed them at the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained as parts of trial.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y were read except so far as respects supplies.

The Congregation of Pittstownship requested leave to present a Call to Carlisle P.b.y for Mr. Joseph Brady a Licentiate under their care, which was granted. Ordered that the Clerk furnish the Commissioner from Pitts Township with a Coppy of the above minute.

Mr. James Graham a Licentiate under the care of Carlisle Presbytery presented his Credentials and requested liberty to Itinerate in the bounds of this P.b.y for some time, which request was granted.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9, O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Wednesday 29*th*.

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Steel's reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y were sustained.

Mr. Dunlap is now come, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

A petition from a number of the Inhabitants of *Pittsburgh* Praying that they might be erected into a *different* Congregation and receive supplies was laid before P.b.y. After mature deliberation P.b.y agreed to refer the matter to *Synod* at their next meeting.

Mr. William Jackson a Licentiate under the care of Huntington Presbytery presented his Credentials and requested liberty to Itinerate in the bounds of this Presbytery for some time which was granted.

Mr. Graham was appointed to supply at Tyrone the 1st. Sab. of July, at Laurel Hill the 2d. at Salem the 3d. at Union Town the 5th. and at Morgan Town the 2d. Sab. of August.

Mr. Jackson was appointed to supply at Armagh 1st. Sab. of July, at Salem the 2d. at morgan Town the 4th. at Middletown the 5th and at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab. of August.

The following additional sums were paid in for commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

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From Salem Congregation.	2	2	4
From Rehoboth	1	5	4
From Round hill.	1	5	3.

Mr. Swan's reasons for not attending the General Assembly were sustained.

Mr. Spear informed P.b.y that he had fulfilled his commission to the Gen. Assembly.

A Commissioner appeared from Laurel Hill Congregation and informed P.b.y that said Congregation consented that the Pastoral relation between Mr. Dunlap and said Congregation should be disolved agreeably to his request: the P.b.y did therefore dissolve sd. relation.

The Revd. Boyd Mercer appeared before P.b.y produced a dismission and Testimonials from the P.b.y of Ohio and requested to be received as a member. P.b.y agreed *not to* grant his request as he did not reside within their bounds Mr. Mercer having requested liberty to preach at McKeesport till the fall meeting of P.b.y his request was granted.

Mr. Laird produced a settlement with each of his Congregations whereby it appeared that Plumb Creek Congregation stood indebted to him the ballance of £9.. 10.. 6 due the 8th. Day of April 1803 and the Congregation of Poke Run the ballance of £38.. 2.. 3 due on the same date.

Mr. Smith produced a settlement with Round hill Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £35.. 1.. 2 due the 1st. Day of April 1803.

Messrs. MGarraugh and Galbraith were examined on Natural and Moral Philosophy whose answers were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. MGarraugh was appointed to prepare a discourse on Proverbs 28th. 13th and Mr. Galbraith was appointed to prepare a discourse on John 5th. and 40 both to be delivered at the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Dunlap requested a dismission from this P.b.y and Testimonials of his standing to join the P.b.y of Ohio his request was granted and the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the requisite Testimonials

P.b.y adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 3d. Tuesday of October next Concluded with Prayer.

Rehoboth Tuesday *October 18th.* 1803

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power Jacob Jennings John McPherrin, Samuel Porter George Hill, William Swan, William Speer and Francis Laird. Elders Messrs. Robert Baird David Buchannan John Finley, John Taylor, Michael Rough, John Henry William McCleary and John Wright.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson Robert Steel and James Adams.

The Revd. *David* Smith was removed by Death on the 24th. Day of August last.

P.b.y was opened by Messrs. MGarraugh and Galbraith with discourses on the subjects appointed them at their last meeting which were sustained as part of trials

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year whereupon Mr. Power was chosen Moderator and Mr. Speer Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at the House of Mr. John Wright tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Oct.* 19

P.b.y met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above

The Revd. Thomas Robins a Missionary from the missionary Society of the State of Conecticut being present and invited took his seat as a correspondant The Revd. Andrew Gwin a member of the Presbytery of Ohio being present and invited took his seat as a Correspontant.

The Revd. Messrs. Jacob Jennings John McPherrin and George Hill gave Reasons for their absence from the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of P.b.y and so much of the Spring meeting as respects supplies were read.

The Members present have substantially fulfilled their appointments and Messrs. Wright and Gutherie fulfilled the appointments made to them. Applications for supplies were ordered to be made, Whereupon Col. Wm. McCleary for an appointment of Mr. Gutherie as a Missionary for two months in the Southern department of this P.b.y

A petition was handed in from certain inhabitants of the Town of Pittsburgh for supplies and for liberty to apply to the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie for supplies. The Congregation of highlands in the bounds of the P.b.y of Erie having obtained leave from their P.b.y applied for supplies. P.b.y having considered the circumstances at-

tending the application from the inhabitants of Pittsburgh agreed to grant the Prayer of their petition. A petition for supplies on every Sabbath was received from the Congregation of Laurel Hill

A verbal application was made from the Congregation of Tyrone for supplies

The Inhabitants of Turkey Foot petitioned for supplies The Congregation of Salem applied for supplies and for the administration of the Lords Supper this fall. Applications for supplies were made from the following Congregations viz. Reholoth Pitts Township Quemahoning, Wheatfield, Summerset, Round hill Cowanshawanack and Stump Creek.

Mr. McLean informed P.b.y that he had fulfilled the appointments made him at the last fall meeting, and having mentioned the desire of the Congregation of Bethlehem that he should be continued as a stated supply for one third of his time in that Congregation until the next Spring meeting of P.b.y he was appointed accordingly, the rest of his time to be employed at discretion. P.b.y with the concurrence of two thirds of their members reconsidered the decision made on the petition from Certain inhabitants of Pittsburgh and determined that the prayer of that petition can not now be granted.

Presbytery having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Messrs. Robert MGarraugh and James Galbraith of their having gone through a regular course of Literature; of their good moral character; and of their being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their Licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in Divinity and other Studies: The P.b.y did and hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of trial; and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church; and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be Licensed; The P.b.y did and hereby do license them the Said Robert M,Garraugh and James Galbraith to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this P.b.y or wherever they or either of them shall be orderly Called. The Revd. Boyd Mercer produced testimonials of his being received as a member of the P.b.y of Ohio, and requested Liberty to itinerate part of his time until the Spring meeting within the bounds of this P.b.y which was granted.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock

Concluded with Prayer.

THURSDAY *October 20th.*

P.b.y met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read,

Messrs. Swan and Laird were appointed a Committee to settle with the Revd. John McPherrin the Treasurer of this P.b.y for monies for missionary purposes. The members of P.b.y who were present paid each ⅓d to the Stated Clerk for the purpose of paying for a Presbyterial Book accidentally lost and for procuring another Book.

The Synod of Pittsburgh having appointed the second Thursday of December 1803 to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving for the outpouring of the Influence of the Divine Spirit on the Churches under their care and prayer for a more abundant effusion of the Spirit's influences the P.b.y recommend that all their members respect the above appointment. P.b.y having observed a general regulation on the subject of reports adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church during their sessions in May last contained in the 19th. page of the extracts of their minutes enjoined a suitable respect to those regulations in all the Congregations under their care.

P.b.y proceeded to appoint supplies as follow viz.

The Revd James Power at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab. of Nov. and at Salem the 4th. Sabbath of March.

The Revd. Jacob Jennings at Laurel Hill the 4th. Sab of Nov. and at Round hill the 3d. Sab. of March.

The Revd. John McPherrin at Tyrone the 4th. Sabbath of Nov. at Laurel hill the 1st. Sabbath of December, at Pitt Township the 3d. Sabbath of Dec. at Highlands the 4th. Dc. at Wheatfield the 1st. Sab of January at Quemahoning the 2d. and at Salem the 3d. Sabbath of January at Round hill the 1st. Sab. of February and at Rehoboth the 2d. Do and to employ the remainder of his time at discretion until the next Spring meeting.

The Revd. Samuel Porter at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab of Oct. and 2d. Sab. of Nov.

The Revd. George Hill at Laurel Hill the 4th. Sab. of October and to administer the Lord's Supper at Salem the 2d. Sab. of November.

The Revd. William Swan at Laurel Hill the 3d. Sab. of Nov and at Salem the 1st. Sabbath of April.

The Revd. William Speer at Rehoboth the 4th. Sab of Octr. & at Salem the 2d. Sabbath of November.

The Revd. Francis Laird one Sabbath at discretion as to time and the 1st. Sabbath of December at Highlands.

The Revd. Joseph Henderson one Sab. at Cowanshawanack and one Sab at Stump Creek at discretion as to time.

The Revd. Robert Steel 1st. Sab. of January at Pitt Township and one Sabbath at discretion as to time and place.

The Revd. James Adams at Sandy Creek the 3d. Sab. of December and the 2d. Sab. of January at Union Town.

The Revd. Boyd Mercer to supply at Wheatfield the 2d. Sab. of Nov. at Quemahoning the 3d. at Turkey Foot the 4th. Sab of November at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sabbath of Decr. at Monongehala Glades the 2d. Sab. Do. and at McKee's-port two Sabbaths at discretion.

Mr. Wright was appointed to supply at Clarksburgh the 1st. Sab. of March at Middle Town the 2d. at Morgan Town the 3d. at Rehoboth the 4th. and the following Sab. at Round Hill and the remainder of his time at discretion.

Mr. Gutherie was appointed to supply as a Missionary for the Space of two months commencing the 1st. Sab of November in the Southern departments of this P.b.y the month of January to be employed at his discretion. The 1st. and 2d. Sabbaths of Feb. at Laurel Hill the 3d. Sab of February at Tyrone, the 4th. Sab. of Feb. and 1st. Sab. of March at Salem the 2d. Sab. of March at Pitt Township the 3d. at Highlands one Sab. at Rehoboth and one Do at Round hill at Discretion.

Mr. MGarraugh was appointed to supply at Sandy Creek the 5th. Sab. of October at Crossings the 1st. Sabbath of Nov. at Turkey foot the 2d. at Summerset the 3d. at Quemahoning the 4th. Sab. at Tyrone the 1st. Sab. of December at Round-Hill the 2d. at Laurel Hill the 3d. and at Salem the 4th. Sab. of December, at Wheatfield the 1st. Sab. of January at Cowanshawanack the 2d. at Stump Creek the 3d. and 4th. Sabs, and at Salem the 5th. Sab. of December the 1st. Sab. of Feb. at Pitt Township the 2d. at Highlands the 4th. at Morgan town, the 1st. Sab. of March at Middle Town the 2d. at Clarksburgh the 3d. and 4th. at Tygarts Valley the remainder of his time at discretion.

Mr. James Galbraith to supply at Salem the 1st. Sab of Nov. at Cowanshawanack the 2d. at Stump Creek the 3d. and 4th. Sabs. of Nov. at Wheatfield the 1st. Sab. of December at Quemahoning the 2d. at Summerset the 3d. at Turkey foot the 4th. Sabbath of December. at Round Hill the 4th. Sab. of January at Rehoboth the 5th. Sab. at Morgan Town the 1st. Sabbath of February at Middletown the 2d. at Clarksburgh the 3d. at Tygarts Valley the 4th. Sabbath of Febr. and 1st. Sab. of March, at Monongahala Glades the 2d. Sab. of March, at Union Town the 3d. at Laurel Hill the 4th. Sab of March the 1st. Sab. of April at Tyrone and 2d. Sab. at Pitt Township.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of this P.b.y reported that a ballance of £4.. 4.. 9½ remained in his hands which was ordered to be transmitted by him to the Treasurer of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

P.b.y adjourned to Meet in Greensburgh on the third Tuesday of April next. Concluded with Prayer.

GREENSBURGH *April 17th* 1804.

Presbytery met according to adjournment Members present, The Revd. James Power Joseph Henderson Jacob Jennings John M Pherrin Samuel Porter Robert Steele George Hill William Swan William Speer James Adams and Francis Laird. Elders James Gutherie William M Cleary James B. Clow John Moore Hugh Martin George Cammel James Caldwell John Hamilton Andrew Howell Robert MClean and Patrick Jack. Presbytery was opened by a Sermon preached by Mr. James Graham on Luke 16. 16. Constituted with prayer.

A Petition from the Congregation of Salem was handed in by Mr. Andrew Kinkaid for Liberty to apply to the Presbytery of Ohio for as much of the time of the Revd. Thomas Moore as a supply as can be obtained untill the next meeting of Presbytery which was granted. A Coppy of this minute was ordered to be given to Mr. Kinkaid.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read.

Mr. Henderson gave reasons for absence from the three last meetings of Presbytery which were sustained. Messrs. Steele and Adams gave reasons for absence from the last meeting which were sustained: The Members have generally fulfilled their appointments to supply—and reasons were given in such cases as appointments were not fulfilled —which were sustained. Mr. Wright fulfilled the appointments made to him. Mr. Gutherie fulfilled the appointments made to him to supply and read to Presbytery a Report of the Mission appointed him in the Southern parts of the Presbytery which gave very satisfactory evidence of his diligence and success in that appointment.

Mr. Galbraith fulfilled his appointments and Mr. MGauraugh fulfilled his appointments except in one Instance which became impracticable by high water.

Ordered that Supplications for supplies and other Papers directed to Presbytery be handed in. Calls from the Congregations of Concord and Muddy Creek under the care of the Presbytery of Erie were laid in for the Revd. John M Pherrin, Leave having been Obtained for this purpose from said Presbytery and the Calls being regularly prepared they were put into Mr. M Pherrin's hand for Consideration. Application was received by letter from the United Congregations of Tygarts Vally for supplies. A verbal application for supplies was received from the Congregation of Amity also from Round Hill and Rehoboth and for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in each of the two last mentioned Congregations.

Application was made for supplies and for the administration of the

Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Morgan Town also for suppiles at Middle-Town Monongahela Glades Wheatfield Sandy-Creek and the Crossings, and for the administration of the Lords Supper on the 2nd Sabbath of August in Laurel Hill Congregation. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O Clock.

Concluded with prayer.

April 18th 1804

Presbytery met according to adjournment—Constituted with prayer—Members present as above. A Letter from the Revd. Boyd Mercer addressed to the Moderator of this Presbytery was taken into Consideration and as Mr. Mercer had not fulfilled the appointments made to him and had preached in an irregular manner in Congregations in our bounds The Revd. Samuel Porter and George Hill were appointed to prepare the necessary information thereupon to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Ohio and to report in the afternoon. Upon Inquiry it appeared that the Members had complied with the Recommendation of the Presbytery to observe the day of Thanksgiving appointed by the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Mr. M Pherrin produced a Receipt from the Revd. John M Millan for the payment of the monies directed to be paid by him to the Treasurer of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Collections for defraying the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly were received as follows—

from the Congregation of Congruity	$4.11 cts.		Salem	2.66
Poke Run	1.40	Georges Creek	1.50	Dunnegal	1.
Greensburgh	3.54½	Long Run,	2.25	Ebenezer	2.13
Little Redstone	1.86½	Sawickly	1.72		
Bethel	3.0	Union	2.0	Dunlaps Creek.	2.75

Mr. M Pherrin resigned his appointment as Stated Clerk—whereupon Mr. Swan was chosen.

Mr. James Graham a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle app(l)ied to be received under the care of this Presbytery—and having produced Credentials of good Standing and fair Character and of his regular dismission from that Presbytery was accordingly received. A Call from the Congregations of Laurel Hill and Tyrone was presented to Mr. James Gutherie—and upon Inquiry it appeared that some arrears remain due to the late Pastor of the Congregation of Laurel Hill—and the Commissioner Col. Jos. Tarrence and the Elder Mr. James Parker having undertaken that a settlement shall be made betwixt Mr. Dunlap and that Congregation and a full discharge of the

arrears in a short time Presbytery submitted the Call to the Consideration of Mr. Gutherie.

A Call was also presented to Mr. James Graham from the Congregation of Pitt Township which was put into his hand for Consideration.

Presbytery proceeded to the Inquiry into annual Settlements. Mr. Power reported no settlement. Mr. Henderson reported no settlement with the Congregation of Bethel. Mr. Jack the Elder from the Congregation of Ebenezer reported no settlement with Mr. Henderson. — Mr. Jennings reported no Settlement for the last year but presented a paper testifying that £20 were due to him at the middle of April 1803 – Mr. Steele reported no settlement. —Mr. Porter produced a Settlement with the Congregation of Congruity Stating £35. 15. 2 to be due from that Congregation. —Mr. Hill produced a Settlement wt. the Congregation of Fairfield which states that £103. 19. 8. was due the 13th. of this Instant. —Mr. Swan produced a settlement with the Congregation of Long Run whereby it appeared that £84. 15. 5 was due to him on the 15th. of last Novr. no report from Sawickly Congregation. —No Report from the Congregations of Union and Georges Creek, nor from those of Poke Run and Plumb Creek.

Mr. John Wright requested leave to Itinerate out of the bounds of this Presbytery four months from the first of May which was granted.

Mr. James Galbraith requested leave to Itinerate out of the bounds of the Presb.y from this time untill the 1st. of July next which was granted.

Mr. Robert M Gaurraugh requested liberty to Itinerate for six weeks in the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie which was granted.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Porter appointed to prepare a Report on the Letter of the Revd. Boyd Mercer brought in a Letter Stating the Information requisite in this case which was approved and directed to be transmitted by the Moderator of this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Ohio.

Presbytery appointed the following supplies viz.

Mr. Power at Round Hill the 4 Sab. of May to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.—Mr. Henderson at Laurel Hill the 2nd. Sab. of August to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.—Mr. M Pherrin the 4th Sab. of April at Wheatfield and the 4th Sab. of May at Round Hill. the rest of his time at discretion.—Mr. Porter at Rehoboth the 1st. Sab. of Septr. to administer the sacrament of the Lords Supper.—Mr. Hill at Salem one Sab. at discretion as to time to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.—Mr. Swan at Morgan Town the 3d Sab. of August to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.—Mr. Adams at Morgan Town the 3d Sab. August.—Mr. Laird one Sab. at discretion as to time and place.—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

April 19th Presbytery met according to adjournment—Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above except Mr. McClain who obtained liberty of absence from the remaining part of the Sessions.

Mr. Gutherie requested liberty to Itinerate without the bounds of this Presbytery three months of the ensuing summer which was granted.

Mr. MClean appeared—and has fulfilled the appointments to supply made to him at our last Sessions—and was appointed to supply a fourth of his time at Cherry Hill a third at Bethlehem the 2nd Sab. of August at Laurel Hill and the rest of his time at discretion untill the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to finish the appointments of supplies as follows

Mr. Wright at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. Octr.—at Rehoboth the 1st. & 2nd Sabs. of Septr. at Union Town the 3rd at Turkyfoot the 4th. at Summerset the 5th Sab. of Septr.

Mr. M Gauraugh at Cowanshawanick the 4th Sab. of April. at Stump Creek the 5th—at Amity the 1. Sab. of May—at Round Hill the 2nd—at Quemmahoning the 3rd—Summerset the 3rd Sab. of July—at Turky foot the 4th at the Crossings the 5th.—at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab. of August—at Crab Orchard the 2nd—at Monongahela Glades the 4th—at Tygarts Vally the 2nd & 3rd Sab.s Septemr.—at Morgan Town the 4th—at Round Hill the 5th—The rest of his time at discretion.

Mr. Galbraith at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. of July—at Rehoboth the 2nd—at Laurel Hill the 3rd—at Tyrone the 4th—at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. of August—at Rehoboth the 2nd—at Union Town the 3rd—at Laurel Hill the 4th—at Morgantown the 1st. Sab. Septr.—at Middletown the 2nd—at Clarksburgh the 3rd—at Tygarts Valley the 4th.

Mr. Adams was appointed to supply the vacancies south of Morgantown 3 Sabs. at discretion.

Mr. Graham declared his acceptance of the Call which was put into his hand yesterday.

Presbytery agreed to meet at Pitt Township on the 3d. Tuesday of Octr. next and to Ordain and Install Mr. Graham in that Congregation should the way be clear and Mr. Power was appointed to preach the sermon and Mr. Speer to give the Charge on that occation. Presbytery appointed Mr. Graham to prepare and preach a sermon on Rev. 10.. 5. 6 at the opening of Presbytery as a part of his trials for ordination.

On Inquiry being made whether Presbytery would agree to recon-

sider a Reference formerly decided up from the Session of Poke Run Congregation relating to the Legitimacy of a Child prematurely born—It was agreed to reconsider the subject at the next sessions of Presbytery.

The Revd. Jacob Jennings and the Revd. Robert Steele were appointed Commissioners to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and Commissions were furnished to them accordingly.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Congregation of Pitt-Township on the 3.d Tuesday of Octr. next. Concluded with prayer.

UNITY *July 4th* 1804

Presbytery met upon a special Call from the Moderator agreeably to the Regulations providing for such cases—and was opened by a sermon preached by the Revd. Thomas Moore from Luke 13 Chapr. latter part of the 34 ver.—Constituted with prayer.

Present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, John MPherrin, Samuel Porter and William Speer. Elders Messrs. Andrew Allison James MKee John Baird and John Barnett.—Absent the Revd. Messrs Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, James Adams and Francis Laird.

The Revd. Thomas Moore produced a Certificate of good Standing and regular dismission from the Presbytery of Ohio and having signified his desire to be received as a Member of this Presbytery—he was according received.

A Call from the Congregation of Salem was laid in for the Revd. Thomas Moore which was put into his hand and accepted by him.

Adjourned.—Concluded with prayer.

The Synod examined and approved these Records thus far, 1804

Saml Porter Mod,

PITT TOWNSHIP CHURCH *Octr. 16th* 1804

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.—

Members present the Revd. Messieurs James Power, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, William Swan, Thomas Moore and Francis Laird—Elders, David Buchannon, Matthew Turner, James Parr, Robert Cowan, Andrew Brown and Samuel Findley.—Absent the Revd. Messieurs Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, John MPherrin, George Hill and James Adams.

Presbytery was opened by Mr. Graham with a sermon on the subject

appointed him at their last Spring meeting; which was sustained as a part of trial.—

Presbytery proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator & Clerk for the insuing year; whereupon Mr. Porter was chosen Moderator and Mr. Moore Clerk.

A Letter from the Revd. John MPherrin to the Moderator of Presbytery informing him that he had agreed to settle in those Congregations from which he had received a Call, and requesting a Dismission & Testimonials in order to his Joining the Presbytery of Erie, was read; and his Request granted; and Mr. MPherrin is hereby recommended as a Member in good standing. The Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Pittsburgh styling themselves the second Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsburgh, praying for liberty to supplicate the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie for supplies was read; and Presbytery finding that the Judgement of Synod in favour of the Petitioners having supplies granted to them, and which was protested against, and apealed from by Mr. Steele and the Elders and Trustees of the Incorporate Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsburgh, was confirmed by the General Assembly, did grant their Request.—Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 OClock,

concluded with prayer.

Octr.. 17*th*

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read. Mr. Moore requested leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery which was granted. Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Graham on his acquaintance with experimental Religion, Theology, Church History and Discipline, whose answers were sustained as parts of Trial.

Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last Stated meeting together with those of a subsequent Pro-re-nata meeting of Presbytery were read. Upon inquiry it was found that the Members present had fulfilled the appointments made to them at the last spring meeting.

A Letter from the secretary of the Corporation of the Widow's Fund, directed to the Moderator of Presbytery was read: and Presbytery directed its members to pay a proper attention to that matter.

A letter from the Revd. Dr. Ashbel Green a member of the standing Committee of Missions of the General Assembly, with regard to the gratuitous distribution of Religious Books in the hands of said Com-

mittee, was read: the Consideration of which was posponed by Presbytery until their next spring meeting.

Mr.. Gutherie declared his acceptance of the Call put into his hands by Presbytery from the Congregations of Laurel Hill and Tyrone.

Mr. Findley the Commissioner and Elder from Laurel Hill Congregation informed Presbytery that Col. Joseph Terrence and Mr. James Hallody had attempted a final settlement with Mr. Dunlap but could not effect it; and therefore requested a Committee of Presbytery to assist in that business, which Request was granted; and Presbytery did accordingly appoint the Revd. Messieurs James Power and George Hill with Mr. John Wright, Elder a Committee to assist in said settlement, and to meet at Laurel Hill Meeting House on the third Tuesday of December next.

A Letter from the Revd. James Dunlap relative to the above matter was read, and Presbytery ordered a coppy of the above minute to be Transmitted to Mr. Dunlap with a particular Request that he would be punctual in attending the Committee at their meetting as above stated.

Mr. Speer, by letter, requested permission from Presbytery to itinerate for six months without their bounds, and the necessary Testimonials in such cases: also that supplies might be granted to his Congregations during his absence; which was granted.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

Octr. 18

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Members present as above except Mr. Moore who had leave of absence. Agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Applications for supplies were made by the following Congregations. viz. Unity, Greensburgh, Licking Creek, Concord, Tygarts Valley, second Congregation of Pittsburgh, Turkeyfoot, Rehoboth, Round Hill, Middle Town, Clarksburgh, Cowanshawanick Breadies Settlement, Summerset, Quemahoning, Wheatfield, Crossings, Sandy Creek, Amity, Union Town.

Mr. Laird produced a settlement with the Congregation of Poke Run whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £ 55. 7. 6 due last April. also a settlement with Plumb Creek Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £ 44. 0. 4 due at the same time.

Collections for the support of Commissioners to the General Assem-

bly were received as follows, From Plumb Creek Congregation 2 Dol's From Mount Pleasant 4 Dol's, From Unity 3 Dol's 50 Cents.

Presbytery finding that the Records of Poke Run session with regard to a Reference from said session formerly decided upon by Presbytery, and agreed at the last Spring meeting to be reconsidered at the Fall Meeting, were not present; Presbytery postponed said re-consideration until their next meeting.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. James Graham, and did by the Imposition of hands and Prayer solemnly Ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Graham then took his seat. His Elder is Mr. Wm. MCrea

The Consideration of the Letter adressed by the Moderator of the General Assembly to the Presbytery with regard to the alterations contemplated in the Form of Government, Directory for worship and Forms of Process, was postponed by Presbytery until their spring meeting.

The Synod having appointed the second thursday of December as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer for the Continuation and more abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit's Influences upon the Church; Presbytery injoined it upon its members to pay a proper attention thereto.

Presbytery agreed to Meet at Laurel Hill on the Third Tuesday of April to Ordain and Install Mr. Gutherie in that Congregation if the way should be clear.

Mr. Hill was appointed to preach the Ordination sermon and Mr. Henderson to precide. Presbytery appointed Mr. Gutherie to preach a sermon on 2 Cor. 3. 18 at their next meeting as a part of his trial for Ordination.

Mr. Galbraith requested liberty to intenerate at discretion for three months the principle part of the time out of the bounds of the Presbytery which was granted.

Presbytery proceeded to make out supplies as follows, viz. Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town the 3d Sab. of December. Mr. Porter at Greensburgh the 2nd Sab. of April. Mr. Swan at Unity the 1st. Sab. April. Mr. Laird at Unity the 1st. Sab. of Novemr. Mr. Graham at Rehoboth the 1st. Sab. of Decemr. Mr. Steele at Round Hill the 2nd Sab. of April. Mr. Hill at Quemahoning one Sab. at discretion as to time. Mr. Jennings at Turkey-foot one Sab. discretionary as to time. Mr. Henderson at Licking Creek the 2nd Sab. of Novr.—Mr Moore at Wheatfield the 4th Sab. of March. Mr. Adams at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab. of Decemr. Mr. Gutherie at Sandy Creek the 2nd Sab. of January. Mr. Wright at Round Hill the 4th Sab. of Octr. at Rehoboth the 1st. Sab. Novr. at Pittsburgh the 2nd Congregation the 1st. Sab. of March. at

Round Hill the 2nd at Rehoboth the 3rd at Union Town the 4th. at Greensburgh the 1st. Sab. of April. at Unity the 2nd sab. of April.

Mr. Galbraith at Greensburgh the 1st. Sab. of February, at Unity the 2nd, at Quemahoning the 3rd, at Summerset the 4th, at Turkeyfoot the 1st. sab. of March at the Crossings the 2nd, at Sandy Creek ye. 3rd, at Union Town the 4th., at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. of April, at Rehoboth the 2nd.

Mr. MGarraugh at Amity the 3rd Sab. of Octr. at Licking Creek the 4th at Concord the 1st. sab. of Novr., at Greensburgh the 2nd, at Rehoboth the 3rd, at Middletown the 4th, at Tygarts Valley the 2nd & 3rd Sabs. of Decemr. at Sandy Creek the 1st. Sab. of Jan.y, at the Crossings the 2nd, at Turkey foot the 3rd at Quemahoning the 4th, in the second Congregation of Pittsburgh the 3rd Sab. of Feb.y, at Rehoboth the last Sab. of Feb.y, at Round Hill the 1st. Sab. of March, at Breadies Settlement the last Sab. of March, at Wheatfield the 1st. sab. of April, the rest of his time at discretion.

Adjourned to meet at Laurel Hill the 3rd Tuesday of April next.
Concluded with Prayer.

Rehoboth. Wednesday *February 6th* 1805.

By a Special Call of the Moderator agreeably to the Constitution of our Church, Presbytery met and Constituted with Prayer.

Members present, The Revd. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings and Samuel Porter. Elders Robert Baird and John Wright. Absent The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird and James Graham

The Revd. William Wylie lately a member of the Presbytery of Erie, appeared in Presbytery and requested that he might be received as a Member and having produced Testimonials of his Good Standing, and regular dismission from the Presbytery of Erie; his Request was granted: and he accordingly took his seat as a Member.

A Call from the united Congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill to the Revd. William Wylie, was brought in and read, and the way being prepared, it was put into his hand by Presbytery, of which he immediately declared his acceptance. Adjourned.

Concluded with Prayer.

Laurel Hill *April 16th* 1805.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Swan Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird, and William Wylie. Elders. John Neel, Ebenezer Findley, James Caldwell, Robert Taylor, John Power and James

Orr. Absent The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Robert Steele, William Speer and James Graham.

Presbytery was opened by Mr. Guthrie with a Sermon on the subject appointed him at their Fall meeting, which was sustained as a part of Trial. Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last fall Meeting, also Those of a Subsequent Pro renata Meeting of Presbytery were read. The reasons assigned by Messrs. Jennings, Hill, and Adams for their absence from the last fall Meeting of Presbytery were sustained.

The reasons given by those Members who were absent from the last Pro renata Meeting of Presbytery for their non attendance were sustained.

Upon Inquiry it was found that the Members present had fulfilled their appointments except in some instances; the reasons given for which omissions were sustained. Messrs. Wright MGarraugh and Galbraith fulfilled their appointments except in a few Instances; their reasons for which deficiencies were sustained.

The Committee appointed to meet at Laurel Hill Meeting House to assist in the settlement between said Congregation and their former Pastor, Mr. Dunlap, Reported that they met according to appointment, except Mr. Wright Elder; but that Mr. Dunlap not appearing, they could do nothing.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 OClock.

Concluded with Prayer.

April 17th

Presbytery met according to Adjournment. Constituted with Prayer. Members present as above. Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last session were read. Applications for supplies and other Papers directed to Presbytery, being called for, were presented.

A Call was presented, for John Wright Probationer, from the united Congregations of Hawking and Rush Creek within the bounds of the Presb.'y of Ohio, attended with a Letter from the Moderator of said Presbytery certifying his belief of the Call as being orderly, and advising Redstone Presbytery to put said Call into the hands of Mr.. Wright for Consideration Presbytery considering the urgency of the case did put the Call into his hand.

A Call from the united Congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking for Mr. MGarraugh was presented to Presbytery, and being read, was put into his hand for Consideration.

Applications for supplies were made by the following vacant Con-

gregations, viz, The 2nd Congregation of Pittsburgh, Crossings, Monongahala Glades, Quemmahoning, Bready's Settlement, Middle Town, Wheatfield, Tygarts Valley, Clerksburgh, Sandy Creek, Turkey foot, Union Town, Summerset and Cowanshawanick.

The Revd. James Dunlap from the Presbytery of Ohio being present and invited took a seat as a Correspondent.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. James Guthrie on Ecclesiastical History and the Rules and Discipline of this Church, whose answers were sustained as part of Trial.

Collections for defraying the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly were received from the following Congregations, viz from

Mount Pleasant	2 Dol. 79 Cents	Dunlap's Creek	1.67
Sawickly	2.—44	Long Run	2.79
Salem	3.60½	Congruity	3.32

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. James Guthrie and did by Prayer and the Imposition of hands solemnly Ordain, and set him apart to the Holy Office of the Gospel Ministry, and install him in the united Congregations of Laurel Hill and Tyrone. Mr. Guthrie then took his seat as a member. His Elder is Mr. James Hallody.

Upon inquiry it was found that they Members present had complied with the Recommendation of Presbytery to observe a day of Fasting and Prayer appointed by the Synod of Pittsburgh, except Messrs. Hill and Moore, whose reasons for which Omission were sustained.

Adjourned to Meet tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock.

Concluded with Prayer.

April 18th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

Members present as above. Agreeably to order the Minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Swan and Guthrie were appointed as Commissioners to attend the next General Assembly, and were accordingly furnished with Commissions.

Presbytery proceeded to the appointment of supplies, and Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Sawickly the 4th Sab. of May, In the second Congregation of Pittsburgh one Sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Henderson at the second Congregation of Pittsburgh the 1st. sab. of June, at Cowanshawanick the 1st. sab. of September.

Mr. Jennings at Laurel Hill the 2nd Sab. of May, at Turkey foot the 2nd sab. of September.

Mr. Porter at Long Run the 1st. sab. of June, and one sab. discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Hill Two sabs. at Qummahoning discretionary as to time.

Mr. Moore the 2nd sab. of June at Laurel Hill, and one sab. at Wheatfield discretionary as to time.

Mr. Swan in the second Congregation of Pittsburgh the 3rd sab. of Septr.

Mr.. Speer at Bready's settlement one day and at Summerset one day both discretionary as to time

Mr.. Adams at Middle town the 1st. sab. of July, at the Crossings the 1st. of August.

Mr. Laird Two sabs. discretionary both as to time and place.

Mr. Wylie at Tyrone the 4th sab. of May, at Union Town one sab discretionary as to time.

Mr. Steele two sab.s discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Graham in the second Congregation of Pittsburgh one sab. discretionary as to time, and one other sab. discretionary both as to time and place.

Mr. Guthrie at the Crossings the 4th sab. of July.

Mr. Wright was appointed to supply in the 2nd Congregation of Pittsburgh the 1st. Sab. of May, and the 1st. and 2nd sab.s of august, at Cowanshawanick the 3rd sab. of august, at Bready's settlement the 4th, at Union Town the 2nd sab. of Septr., at Middletown the 3rd, The rest of his time until the next meeting of Presbytery at discretion.

Mr. Galbraith applied for liberty to Itenerate out of the bounds of the Presbytery until the first of septr. and the Remainder of his time until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery in the County of Summerset which was granted.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly were ordered to take the Charge of those Religious books and Tracts in the hands of the Committee of Missions, which were allotted to the Presbytery of Redstone, and convey them to Greensburgh or some Convenient Place within the bounds of said Presbytery.

Presbytery resumed the consideration of the Letter adressed by the Moderator of the General Assembly to the Presbytery of Redstone respecting the altertions proposed to be made in the Form of Government; Directory for worship and Forms of Process; and after maturely deliberating on the proposed Amendments, section by section, adopted each and every amendment as proposed in said Letter.

Presbytery confirmed their former Judgment in the case refered to them by Poke Run session.

Anual Settlements between Members of Presbytery and their Congregations were called for, whereupon, Mr. Power produced a settlement with the Congregation of Mount Pleasant whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood indebted to him a Ballance of £ 242. 5.. 8 due on the first Instant.

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with the Congregation of Congruity whereby it appeared that there was due to him from said Congregation on the 1st.. Instant a Ballance of £ 44. 00. 6.

Mr.. Swan produced a settlement with Long Run Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation were indebted to him a Ballance of £ 52. 7. 4 due on the 15th of November last.

Also a settlement with Sawickly Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood Indebted to him a Ballance of £ 93. 12. 7 due at the same time.

Mr. Adams produced a settlement with Georges Creek Congregation whereby it appeared that, that Congregation was indebted to him a ballance of £ 44. 15. 8.

Likewise a settlement with Union Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation stood Indebted to him £ 19. 1. 2.

Adjourned to meet at Salem on the third Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with prayer.

PITTSBURGH *October* 1805

The Synod examined and approved of these records thus far.

John Mc. Pherrin Mod.

SALEM *October 15th* 1805.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.—was opened by the Revd. Nathaniel R. Snowden with a sermon from Ephes. 1. 7.—

The Moderator being absent Mr. Henderson the senr. member present took the chair. Presbytery was constituted with prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs.. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird, James Graham and James Guthrie. Elders James Loughry, James Gageby, Adam Coon, Johnathan Doty, John Bell, Samuel McLean, and Marmaduke Wilson. Absent the Revd.. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele and William Wylie.

The reasons offered by Messrs. Henderson, Speer, and Graham for not attending the two preceeding meetings of Presbytery, were sustained

The Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, whereupon it appeared that Mr. Swan was chosen Moderator, and Mr. Graham Clerk.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last spring meeting of Presb.y were read. Upon inquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments, except in a very few instances and the

reasons offered by such as had been deficient for their omissions, were sustained.

The Revd. Nathaniel R. Snowden applied to be received as a member of this Presbytery, and having produced a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Carlisle and a certificate of his being in good standing, he was accordingly received.

Mr. John Wright declared his acceptance of a call from the united congregations of Hawking and Rush Creek; and requested a dismission from this Presbytery, in order to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio, and undertake the pastoral charge of said congregations, which was granted, and the clerk was ordered to furnish him with the necessary testimonials.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock concluded with prayer.

Wednesday *Octr.* 16

The Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer. Members present as above. The Revd. Messrs.. James Power and William Wylie appeared in Presbytery, and their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

agreeably to order the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. John Imley, Mr. Wylie's Elder appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Porter appeared in Presbytery and his reasons offered for not attending sooner were sustained.

A Call from the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh for the Revd. Nathaniel R. Snowden was presented to the Presb.y and put into his hand, of which he declared his acceptance.

Mr. Snowden requested leave of absence during the remainder of the sessions which was granted. John Gordon having appeared before Presb.y, and expressed a determination to appeal to Synod from a former decision of this Presb.y which declared him and his wife guilty of antenuptial fornication, requested a copy of their judgment which was granted; and the clerk ordered to furnish him with it, also with a copy of this minute. A paper was laid before Presb.y by Mr. Robert Brown formerly a member of the congregation of Greensburgh, stating that in consequence of some reports injurious to his character, he had been excluded from the sealing ordinances of the church, and owing to various occurrances, a trial had not taken place. after due deliberation on the subject, the Presb.y recommended it to the session of Greensburgh to take up his case and bring it to a speedy issue.

Mr. Robert M Garraugh declared his acceptance of the call put into his hand from the united congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking,

and was appointed to prepare and preach a sermon on 1st John 3. 23 at the opening of the next spring meeting of Presb.y, as part of trial for Ordination.

Collections for defraying the expences of commissioners to the General Assembly were received as follows, from

Poke Run	1. Dol. 25 Cents	Fairfield	2.00	Beulah	5.37½
Plumb Creek	1.50	Donegal	1.00	Laurel Hill	3.81

In consequence of a resolution of Synod Presb.y enjoined it on those members who held subscriptions for the Western Missionary Magazine, to endeavour to settle off their accounts and pay their respective ballances into the hands of the treasurer as soon as possible.

The Presbytery having received a number of religious books from the committee of missions of the General Assembly, to be distributed within their bounds, in such manner as might appear most likely to promote the cause of vital piety: whereupon resolved that one third part of them be committed to Mr. Robert M Garraugh, to be distributed in stump creek and the settlements adjacent—one third part to Mr. James Adams, to be distributed in Tygarts valley—one half of the remaining third part to be distributed by him in the settlement about Middle Town, Crossings, Sandy Creek and Monongahela Glades. The remainder to Mr. George Hill, to be distributed in the settlements near Stony Creek, or as prudence may direct: and it is hereby enjoined on those persons to whom these books have been committed, that they render an account to Presb.y at their next meeting, in what manner they have discharged the trust committed to them.

adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock. concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY *Octr.* 17.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. constituted with prayer—Members present as above except Mr. Snowden who had obtained leave of absence.

Mr. James Galbraith requested a dismission from this Presb.y in order to put himself under the care of the Presb.y of Erie which was granted; and he is hereby recommended as a probationer for the gospel ministry of fair character and good standing. The clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Presb.y proceeded to the appointment of supplies.

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Turkey foot the 1st. sab. of April and one other sab. at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Henderson was appointed to supply one Sab. at Bready's settlement, discretionary as to time, and one other sab. discretionary both as to time and place.

Mr. Porter at Wheatfield one sab. discretionary as to time, and one other sab. discretionary both as to time and place.

Mr. Hill at Quemmahoning two sab.s discretionary as to time.

Mr. Swan at Sandy Creek the 4th sab. of Novr. and one sab, at the Crossings, discretionary as to time.

Mr. Speer one sab. at Somerset, and one sab. at Turkey foot, both discretionary as to time.

Mr. Moore at simpsons Creek the 3d. sab. of Novr., and one other sab. at Wheatfield, discretionary as to time.

Mr. Wylie at Tygarts Valley the 3d. sab. Novr., at Middletown one sab. discretionary as to time.

Mr. Adams at the Crossings the 3d. sab. of Octr., at Tygarts valley the 4th sab. of Novr.

Mr. Graham at M Kee's Port the 3.d sab of Novr., one sab. discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Laird two sabs. discretionary as to time and place.

Mr. Guthrie at M Kee's Port the 1st. sab. ot Decemr., at the Crossings the 2.d. sab. of Feb.y.

Mr. Jennings at Sandy Creek one sab., and at Middletown one sab. both discretionary as to time.

Mr. Snowden at Bready's Settlement one sab. at Elk creek one sab. discretionary as to time.

Mr. Steele at Bready's Settlement one sab., at Elk Creek one sab. both discretionary as to time.

Mr. M Garaugh at Cowanshawanick the 3.d sab. of Octr., and one sab. at Concord, discretionary as to time.

Whereas it has been enjoined by the General Assembly on the Synods and Presbyteries in connection with them, to take the most effectual measures to bring forward complete and accurate reports of the existing communicants in each Church; and of the number of persons baptized the preceeding year, distinguishing those baptized in infancy, from those baptized in adult years: the Presbytery did enjoin it on the Ministers and congregations under their care; to prepare accurate reports on this head to be presented at their spring meeting.

adjourned to meet at Rehoboth on the third Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh second Presbyterian congregation. *Decemr. 9th* 1805

The Presbytery met upon a special call from the Moderator agreeably to the regulations providing for such cases, and was opened by the Revd. William Swan, with a sermon from Job 28. 28. Constituted with prayer.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. Robert Steele, William Swan, Nathaniel R. Snowden and James Graham. Elders John Wilkins and

Thomas Plumer. absent the Revd.. Messrs.. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Speer, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird, Wm. Wylie and James Guthrie.

The Revd.. Nathaniel R. Snowden requested leave to resign his pastoral charge of the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh: also a dismission from the Presbytery, in order to his joining the Presb.y of Newcastle. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at eight o'clock.

concluded with prayer

Teusday *Decemr.*. 10*th*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer. Members present as above

Commissioners duly appointed by the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh being present, and having informed the Presbytery that said congregation had no objections to Mr. Snowden's obtaining his request, it was granted. He was also dismissed from the Presby of Redstone, and the Clerk ordered to furnish him with the necessary testimonials. adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Rehoboth *April* 15*th* 1806

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, was opened by Mr.. Robert M Garraugh with a sermon on 1 John 3. 23 first clause, the subject appointed to him at their last fall meeting. Constituted with prayer. Members present the Revd. Messrs.. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jenning, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird, William Wylie and James Guthrie Elders Samuel Cunning, Robert Campbell, John Richy, Peter Wallace, John Taylor, Edward Cook & Wm. Smith. Absent the Revd.. Messrs.. Francis Laird and James Graham The sermon delivered by Mr. M Garaugh was sustained as a part of trial.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last stated meeting, with those of a subsequent prorenata meeting were read.

The Revd.. Messrs.. Jacob Jennings and Robert Steele gave reasons for their absence from the last fall meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained. The reasons given by the members who did not attend the last prorenata meeting of Presbytery for their absence, were sustained.

Upon inquiry it was found that the members present had generally fulfilled their appointments. The reasons given by such as had failed in any instance, were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half after eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer

April 16*th* 1806

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. constituted with prayer. members present as above.

Mr.. Laird appeared, his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. an application was received from the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh for supplies, and for liberty to obtain supplies from the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie; which liberty was granted, and the Clerk ordered to furnish the commissioner from that congregation with a copy of the above minute.

Applications for supplies were made from the following vacant congregations: viz. Tygart's Valley, Middle Town, Sandy creek, Crossnigs, Turkeyfoot, Somerset, Quemmahoning, Wheatfield, Bready's settlement, Concord, Union Town, Kittanning

Collections for defraying the expense of commissioners to the General Assembly were received; and are as follow from

	Dols Cents		Dols Cents
Mount Pleasant	4..11	Bethel for three years	3. 0
Ebenezer for three years past	2. 43.	1st.. Presbn.. Congn. of Pittsburgh the first collection	5..0
Dunlap's Creek	1..70	Dunnegal	1..0
Congruity	1..63	Greensburgh for two years	3..0
Fairfield	2. 00	Union for last year	1..0
Unity for two years	3..0	Round Hill for two years	2..93
Salem	2..65	Laurel Hill	3..68½
Georges Creek for last year	1..0		
Rehoboth for two years	9..74		

Upon inquiry it appeared that the Session of Greensburgh met agreeably to the recommendation of Presbytery, in the case of Robert Brown, gave the necessary attention to investigate that case, and having regularly obtained the testimony: agreed to refer it to Presbytery.

Presbytery having paid due attention to the testimony and availed themselves of all the light they could obtain, were unanimously of opinion that the evidence was not sufficient to convict said Brown of Forgery: also that sd.. Brown is not fully convicted of Perjury, by direct testimony; yet his conduct in that affair gave strong ground of suspicion, and was highly inconsistant with the Christian Character: Presbytery therefore judge that he shall not be admitted to the distinguishing privileges of the church, until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Mr.. Adams obtained leave of absence the remaining sessions of Presb.y.

Upon inquiry it was found that Messrs.. Hill and M Garaugh had

properly distributed the books committed to their charge; and that Mr.. Adams had distributed his in part, and would as soon as he had opportunity distribute the remainder. also that sd. books appeared to be received with thankfulness.

Adjourned to meet to,morrow morning at a half after 8 o'clock:
Concluded with prayer.

Thursday *April 17th*

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Members present as above, except Mr.. Adams and Mr.. Robert Campble, Elder, who had obtained leave of absence

An appeal by John Williamson from a judgment of the session of Round Hill congregation was taken into consideration. The Presbytery having heard the testimony on which the judgment of session was founded, and heard the appellant at full length, having also maturely weighed every authentick information obtained on the subject, are of opinion, that although they discern some foundation for the judgment of the session in this case; yet upon estimating the attending circumstances, judge that the sd.. John Williamson may have acted conscientiously, and is to be acquited from censure.

Messrs.. Power, Henderson, and Porter, and Mr.. John Wright elder were appointed commissioners to attend the next General Assembly and were accordingly furnished with commissions. A letter from the Revd.. James Hughes secretary of the board of trust, to the Moderator, was read, stating the necessity of pecuniary aid in order to carry into effect the appointment of a stated missionary to Sandusky. The Presbytery after deliberating there on, did recommend to its members to use all proper exertions to collect as much money as possible, and forward it to the treasurer of the board of trust, as soon as practicable

agreeably to the above recommendation the following sums were received: viz.

	Dols cents		Dols cents
from Unity	3..75	Greensburgh	4.00
Bethel	3..00	Ebenezer	2..00
Georges Creek.	8..00	Union	5..00
also an account of	12..68½	from Long Run, and	6..13

from Sawickly paid to the treasurer of the board of trust last fall.

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mount pleasant congregation whereby it appeared that sd.. congn. owed him a ballance of £257.. 15.. 8 on the 1st.. instant

Mr.. Henderson reported a settlement with Ebenezer congregation, by which it appeared that sd. congn.. was clear until the first of last June

Mr. Porter produced a settlement by which it appeared that Congruity congregation were indebted to him on the first instant £57.. 6.. 1

Mr.. Swan produced a settlement by which it appeared that Long Run Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of £42.. 4.. 6 due on the 15th. of Novr.. last

Mr.. Moore reported Salem congregation clear until the first of last may.

On inquiry it appeared that but a very few of the members of Presb.y were prepared to comply with the injunction of the General Assembly concerning congregational reports; the Presbytery therefore injoined on its members to pay a particular attention to this matter, and report at their next spring meeting

The Presbytery proceeded to appoint supplies as follow viz.

Mr. Power in the second Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh one sab. discretionary as to time

Mr. Henderson at Kittanning the 2nd sab. of June, at Breadys settlement one sab. discretionary as to time

Mr. Jennings at Sandy Creek 1st. sab. June, at Turkey foot the 1st. sab. of Septr.

Mr. Steele at Congruity the 2nd sab. of May, at MKee'sport one day at discretion as to time

Mr. Hill at Bready's settlement the 2nd sab. June, at Stoney Creek one sab. at discretion as to time

Mr. Swan at Mountpleasant the 4th sab. of May, and one sab. discretionary as to time and place

Mr. Speer at Stoney Creek the 3rd sab. of June, at Kittaning the 1st. sab. of Septr.

Mr. Moore at Simpson's Creek one sab, and at Wheatfield one sab. both discretionary as to time

Mr. Laird in the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh the 3rd sab. of June, and one sab. at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Adams at Turkey foot one sab., and at the Crossings one sab. both discretionary as to time

Mr. Wylie in the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh the 1st. sab. of June, at Mountpleasant the 2nd sab. of May.

Mr. Graham at Congruity the 4th sab. of May, at Somerset one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Guthrie at Mount pleasant the 3rd sab. of May

Mr. MGaraugh two sab.s at Concord at discretion as to time

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. MGaraugh on ecclesiastical history, and discipline, whose answers were sustained as part of trial.

The Presbytery having considered the great difficuly of meeting in

so remote a place, appointed Messrs. Henderson, Hill, Wylie and Guthrie ministers, and James Loughry and John Shields elders, a Committee to meet in Licking Congregation on the first thursday of June next, to ordain and install Mr. MGaraugh, Pastor of the united congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking Mr. Wylie was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. Hill to preside and give the charge.

Adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant on the 3.rd tuesday of Octr. next Concluded with prayer

Examined and approved thus far by the Synod

James Hughs Modr.

Septr. 5–1806

Mount Pleasant, Tuesday *Octr. 2st* 1806

Presbytery met according to adjournment; was opened by Mr. John Boggs a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester with a sermon from Luke 2. 29, 30 Constituted with prayer.

Members present, the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, James Adams, Francis Laird, James Graham and James Guthrie. Elders, Hugh Martin, John Moore, John Finley, James Caldwell, Michael Rugh, Robert Galbraith, Enoch French, James Parr and William MCleary.

Absent The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, William Speer, Thomas Moore and William Wylie.

Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year; whereupon the Revd. George Hill was chosen Moderator and the Revd. Francis Laird Clerk.

The minutes of the last spring meeting were read.

Upon inquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments.

The Committee appointed by Presbytery to ordain Mr. MGarraugh, owing to difficulties arising in some of their minds relative to their appointment, did not meet for that purpose, and therefore he was not ordained.

Mr. John Boggs a Licentiate under care of the Presbytery of Winchester, produced his testimonials, and requested liberty to itenerate in the bounds of this Presbytery until the Spring meeting, which was granted.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock.

concluded with prayer.

Wednesday *Octr.* 22*d.*

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read. Mr. Moore appeared and gave reasons for his not attending sooner, which were sustained.

John Henry having produced a certeficate of his being regularly appointed by the congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking to sit as a member in Presbytery, took his seat as an Elder.

Collections for defraying the expenses of comimissioners to the General Assembly, were received from the following congregations, viz.

Sawickly	$1. 30½	Beaula	$4..50
Long Run	2..36	Poke Run	1..66
Tyrone for two yrs.	4..85	Union	1..00
Plumb Creek	1..51½	Georges Creek	1..00

Mr. James Galbraith a Licentiate from the Presb.y of Erie, having produced a certeficate of his good standing, and regular dismission, and requested to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, was accordingly received.

Calls from the congregations of Gilgal and Harmony for Mr. James Galbraith were presented to the presbytery, and put into his hand for consideration, of which he declared his acceptance.

Applications for supplies were made by the following congregations viz. Morgantown, Indiana, Middletown, Crossings, Turky foot, Wheatfield, Quemmahoning, Kittaning, Somerset, Tygarts valley, Uniontown, and the second Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh.

Upon inquiry it appeared that the Commissioners appointed to attend the last General Assembly, had fulfilled their appointment.

Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer, for the purpose of receiving such sums of money as may be collected in their bounds for the missionary fund, and to transmit the same to the treasurer of the board of trust; whereupon Mr. Wylie was chosen. William MCleary Esq.r was appointed by the presb.y to collect money for the missionary fund in that branch of the church where he resides, and in parts adjacent, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer. The Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr. MCleary with a copy of the above minute.

The Presbytery agreed to meet for the purpose of ordaining Messrs. MGarraugh and Galbraith, on the second wednesday in November next at Bethel on Black Lick. Mr. Wylie was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. Hill to preside and give the charge.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Galbraith to deliver a discourse at

their next meeting on John 6. 44 "No man can come unto me except the Father which hath sent me draw him," as a part of trial for ordination.

Mr. Wylie appeared and gave reasons for his not attending sooner, which were sustained.

A letter from the General Assembly directed the. Moderator of this Presbytery, containing a plan for establishing a fund to defray the necessary expenses of all commissioners who shall attend the General Assembly, was read, and the plan approved. Ordered that the stated Clerk, transmit a copy of the above minute to the permanent Clerk of the General Assembly before the next meeting of that Assembly.

A reference from the session of Donegal, respecting a case in which Barbara Haselton had charged Catharine Shaffer with profane swearing, was taken into consideration. The Presbytery after hearing the testimony adduced, and availing themselves of all the light they could obtain; were of opinion, that the evidence before them was not sufficient to criminate the sd. Catharine Shaffer.

The Revd. Messrs. Steele and Guthrie, and Messrs. Parr and Henry, elders, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o,clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY *Octr.* 23*d.*

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above, except the Revd. Messrs. Steele and Guthrie, and Messrs. Parr and Henry, who had obtained leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read. Ordered that the ministers and congregations belonging to this presbytery, come prepared to make reports at their Spring meeting, agreeably to the rules of the General Assembly respecting reports.

The Presbytery proceeded to the appointment of supplies: whereupon

Mr. Power was appointed to supply at Union Town one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Porter was appointed to supply at the town of Indiana the 3.d Sab. of Novr.

Mr. Hill was appointed to supply at Quemmahoning one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Swan was appointed to supply at Morgantown one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Moore was appointed to supply at Wheatfield one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Adams was appointed at the Crossings one sab. at discretion as to time

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply one sab. at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Wylie was appointed to supply at Middletown the 3rd sab. of Jan.y.

Mr. Graham was appointed to supply at Kittanning one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Jennings wes appointed to supply at Turkey foot one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Henderson was appointed to supply at the Town of Indiana one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Speer was appointed to supply at Stony Creek one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Steele was appointed to supply at Somerset one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Guthrie was appointed to supply in Tygart's Valley one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Galbraith was appointed to supply at Kittanning one sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. MGarraugh was appointed to supply one sab. at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Boggs was appointed to supply in the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, until the spring meeting of the presbytery, except one sab. at Uniontown, at discretion as to time.

Adjourned to meet at Bethel on Black Lick, on the second wednesday of Novr. next. Concluded with prayer.

Bethel, Wednesday *Novr.* 12*th* 1806

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment.

was constituted with prayer. Members present: The Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, George Hill, and Francis Laird: Elders, John Shields, Thomas Allison, and Archibald Coon. Absent, the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Robert Steele, William Swan, Thomas Moore, William Speer, James Adams, William Wylie, James Guthrie, and James Graham.

The Presbytery was opened by Mr. James Galbraith with a sermon on the subject appointed him at their last meeting, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Mr. Henderson's reasons for not attending the last meeting of presbytery were sustained.

Mr. John Henry a commissioner from the congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking, stated, that owing to their existing circumstances and situation, it appeared necessary that at least the instalment of Mr. M Garraugh should take place in sd. congregations: therefore, Presbytery postponed his ordination until after their spring meeting, that

the ordination and instalment might take place together, agreeable to the request of Mr. Henry.

The presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Galbraith, as to his knowledge of Ecclesiastical History and the discipline and government of the church, whose answers were sustained as a part of trial.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half after ten o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday *Novr.* 13*th.*

The presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. M Lane informed the presbytery that owing to certain circumstances, it had become impossible for him, at present to take appointments to supply as a preacher of the gospel. on inquiry it appeared that Mr. M Lane had fulfilled his appointments.

The Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Galbraith; and did by prayer and the imposition of hands, solemnly set him apart to the holy office of the gospel ministry; and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Gilgal and Harmony. Mr. Laird preached the ordination sermon, and Mr. Porter presided and gave the charge.

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the third tues–in April next.

Concluded with prayer.

Congruity; Tuesday *April* 21*st.* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment; and was opened by Mr. Speer with a sermon from Eph. 4. 30; was constituted with prayer. Member present; the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, William Speer, James Adams, Francis Laird, and James Guthrie. Elders, John Giffin, James Guthrie, James M Kee, James M Cormick, Daniel Fleming, and Andrew Kinkaid.

Absent, the Revd. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Swan, Thomas Moore, William Wylie, James Graham, and James Galbraith.

The moderator being absent, The Revd. Samuel Porter was chosen Moderator pro. tem.

The minutes of the two preceeding meetings of the Presbytery were read.

Upon inquiry it appeared, that the members presents had fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs. Power, Jennings, Steele, Speer, and Guthrie, who gave reasons for their not fulfilling them, which were sustained.

Messrs. Jennings, and Speer, gave reasons for their not attending the two last meetings of presbytery, and Messrs.. Steele, Adams and

Guthrie for their not attending the last meeting, which were sustained.

Mr. Moore appeared, and gave reasons for his not attending sooner, and for his being absent from the last meeting of presbytery, which were sustained.

Mr. Galbraith appeared in presbytery, and gave reasons for his not attending sooner, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday *April* 22.*d*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

after prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A supplication from the Second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, requesting that Mr. John Boggs might be appointed a stated supply there until the next meeting of presbytery, was read, and the request granted.

Mr.. Graham appeared, and gave reasons for his not attending sooner, also for his absence from the last meeting of presbytery, which were sustained.

On inquiry it appeared, that Mr.. Graham had not fulfilled his appointment; the reasons offered by him, why he had not, were sustained.

Applications for supplies were made by the following congregations, Crossings, Turkey foot, and Wheatfield.

Thomas Wilson, Mr.. Graham's Elder, and John Hamilton Mr.. Laird's Elder, appeared, and took their seats.

The Presbytery resumed the consideration of the case of a certain John Coleman, which first came before them in the year 1788, on which no decision had taken place for want of the necessary testimony; and after duly attending to the testimony before them, were of opinion that the conduct of sd. Coleman relative to the affair in question was not such as to exclude him from the distinguishing privileges of the church The Presbytery agreed to meet in Licking congregation, at the house of Thomas Brown, on the 4th Thursday of august next, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. M Garraugh, and installing him Pastor of the united congregations of New Reheboth and Licking.

Mr.. Wylie was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and Mr.. Hill to preside, and give the charge.

Collections for defraying the expense of commissioners to the General Assembly, were received from the following congregations; viz.

from Dunlaps Creek	$2. 45		
1st..Presn..Congn. of Pittsburgh	5. 00—Unity & Greensburgh	4..26	
Union	1..29—Salem	3..36½	
Plum Creek	1..26—Laurel Hill	3..00	
Congruity	3..00		

Mr. Power produced a settlement with Mount Pleasant congregation, whereby it appeared, that s.d congregation stood indebted to him, a ballance of £297.. 13.. 9, due on the 1st. instant.

Mr.. Jennings reported that no particular settlement had taken place between him and the congregation of Dunlap's Creek; but that he was satisfied to receive from that congregation, what stipend they could from year to year give him, while he chose to continue with them under these circumstances.

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with Congruity congregation, whereby it appeared, that s.d congn.. stood indebted to him a ballance of £46.. 19.. 8 due the 1st. instant.

Mr. Moore reported that Salem congregation was clear with (him) on the 1st. of May last.

Mr. Laird produced a settlement with Plumb-Creek congregation whereby it appeared, that s.d congn. stood indebted to him a ballance of £80.. 17.. 5 on the 8th instant. Mr. Laird also reported that Poke-Run congregation was clear with him on the 8th instant.

Mr. Guthrie produced a settlement with Laurel Hill congregation, whereby it appeared, that s.d Congn. stood indebted to him a ballance of £51.. 5.. 0.. due the 1st. of Novr. last.

On inquiry it appeared that the ministers and congregations in general, had neglected to report the number of communicants, and persons baptized, agreeably to the rules of the General Assembly relative to that subject: therefore the Presbytery ordered, that they be particular to come prepared to report, at their spring meeting.

An application to the Presbytery in behalf of George Wallace, and Abraham Kirkpatrick, to be relieved from a censure inflicted on them by Synod, in the case of Mr. Barr.

The Presbytery, on finding that they were authorised by the Synod, to determine respecting the propriety of sd. censure; after deliberating on the matter, were of opinion that they ought not any longer to be held under censure.

Collections for the missionary Fund were received, as follows:

Mr. Power reported that he had collected from the congregation of Mount-Pleasant, and paid to the treasurer of the board of trust, $45..25.

Mr.. Jennings collected from the congregation of Dunlaps Creek, and paid into the Presbytery, $16..85.

Mr. Moore collected from Salem congregation, and paid to Treasurer of the board of trust, on the 18th of Novr. last $50..53 also paid to the Presbytery $5..60.

Mr. Adams collected from the congregation of Georges-Creek, and paid to the Presbytery $2..00.

Mr. Graham collected from the congregation of Beaula and paid to the Presbytery $6..10.

Mr. Guthrie collected from Laurel Hill congregation, and paid to the treasurer of the board of trust, $15..00.

The Revd. Messrs. William Speer, and Francis Laird, and Mr. John M. Snowden, Elder, were appointed commissioners to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly: and were accordingly furnished with commissions.

The Presbytery appointed the following supplies, viz.

Mr. Power to supply at Union-Town the last Sab. of May, and one Sab. at Turkey foot at discretion as to time.

Mr. Jennings to supply one Sab. at discretion as to time & place

Mr. Porter to supply at Poke Run the 1st. Sab. June, and one Sab. at Kittaning at discretion as to time.

Mr. Steele to supply at Plumb-Creek the 3d. Sab. of May one Sab. at Somerset at discretion as to time.

Mr. Moore to supply two Sab's at Wheatfield both at discretion as to time.

Mr. Adams to supply at Morgantown the 3d. Sab. of May one Sab. at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. Graham to supply at Plumb-Creek the 4th Sab. of May, one Sab. at discretion both as to time and place.

Mr. Guthrie to supply at Unity the 4th Sab. of May, and one Sab. at Turkey foot at discretion as to time.

Mr. Galbraith to supply at Wheatfield the 4th Sab. of June, and one Sab. at Indiana at discretion as to time.

Mr. Henderson to supply at Indiana one Sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. Hill to supply at Quemmahoning one Sab. at discretion as to time, and one Sab. at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Swan to supply two Sab's at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Wylie to supply at Greensburgh the last Sab. of May, and one Sab. at discretion as to time, and place.

Mr. Boggs to supply at Greensburgh one Sab. at discretion as to time.

Mr. M Garraugh two Sab's at discretion as to time & place.

Mr. Graham was appointed to open the Presbytery, at their fall meeting in Greensburgh.

Mr. Wylie appeared, and gave reasons for his not attending sooner,

also for his not attending the last meeting of presbytery, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at the house of Thomas Brown in Licking congregation, on the 4th thursday in August next.

Concluded with prayer.

LICKING CONGREGATION: *Augst.* 27*th* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.—was constituted with prayer.———

Ministers present, Samuel Porter, and James Galbraith.

Elders, John Shields and John Henry. ———

Absent The Revd. Messrs. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Graham, and James Guthrie.

The Presbytery was opened by Mr. Galbraith, with a sermon from 2d. Pet. 3. 18.

After waiting until a late hour, the members present had the mortification to find, that they could not proceed to the ordination and instalment of Mr. M Garraugh, because their number did not amount to a constitutional quorum; and therefore Mr. MGarraugh and the congregations were again disappointed, after they had met a second time for the purpose, by the appointment of the Presbytery.———

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the first wednesday in Octr. next.

Concluded with prayer.

PITTSBURGH; *Octr.* 7*th* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. -was constituted with prayer.

Members present, the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, William Swan, James Adams, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Graham, and James Guthrie.———

Elders Daniel Fleming, Robert Wilson, James Allen, and James Salsbury. Absent the Revd. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, George Hill, William Speer, Thomas Moore, and James Galbraith.

Mr. Power was chosen Moderator pro. tem.

The united congregations of Tygarts Valley, requested liberty to prosecute a call to Mr. Samuel Woods, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio, which was granted; and the Clerk ordered to furnish them with an attested copy of the above minute.

Adjourned to meet at Greensburgh on the 3d. Tuesday of this instant.

Concluded with prayer.

GREENSBURGH; *Octr.*. 20*th* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to appointment. Was constituted with prayer.

Members present: The Revd.. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, James Graham, and James Galbraith.

Elders Messrs. James Guthrie, Michael Rugh, John Ralston, James Thompson, Samuel Potter, and Andrew Howel.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Robert Steele William Wylie and James Guthrie.

The Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, whereupon the Revd. William Speer was chosen Moderator, and the Revd. James Galbraith Clerk.

On inquiry it appeared, that the Commissioners to the last General Assembly, had fulfilled their appointment.

The reasons given by the Revd. Messrs. Jennings, Hill, and Swan why they did not fulfil their appointments to supply, were sustained.

The Revd. Messrs. Power, Moore, and Wylie appeared, and assigned reasons why they did not attend sooner, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Octr.* 21*st.*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read. The Revd. James Graham preached a sermon last evening from 2 Cor. 5. 21, some circumstances in the congregation, having rendered it inconvenient to preach at the opening of the presbytery.

The reasons assigned by the Revd. James Power, why he did not fulfil his appointment to supply, were sustained.

Mr. John Boggs a Licentiate formerly under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester, having produced satisfactory testimonials of his regular licensure, and dismission from s.d Presbytery, and expressed a desire to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, was received.

A call from the second presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, for

Mr. John Boggs was read, and put into his hand, of which he declared his acceptance.

The reasons given by the Revd. Messrs. Power, Jennings, Swan, Speer, Laird, and Wylie, why they did not attend the meeting of Presbytery appointed at Licking, were sustained. Those offered by the Revd. Messrs. Hill, Moore and Graham, were not sustained.

The Revd. Samuel Porter appeared, and offered reasons why he did not attend sooner, which were sustained.

The Revd. Messrs. Jennings and Wylie obtained leave of absence, during the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, *Octr.*. 22.*d.*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above, except those who had obtained leave of absence. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Robert MConnaughy, formerly in connexion with the congregation of Salem, appeared before Presbytery, and stated that he wished to join the congregation of Ebenezer on Blacklick, as he believed he could obtain advantages by the change: but that the session of Salem congregation refused to grant him a certificate on the ground of its being, in their opinion, unconstitutional, and contrary to their standing order in such cases: and that the session of Ebenezer congregation refused to admit him without a certificate; therefore he requested the Presbytery to take such measures relative to the case as would afford him relief in the premises. Whereupon, on motion resolved, that Mr. Robert MConnaughy may be received by any congregation to which he may apply, provided their be nothing against his moral character, although he may not have obtained a certificate from Salem congregation.

The Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr. MConnaughy with a copy of the above minute.

On inquiry respecting the meeting of the Presbytery appointed at Licking, it appeared that only two members attended, who not considering themselves competent to the discharge of the business, for which the appointment was made, adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh, on the first Wednesday of Octr.. 1807.

A motion was made and seconded, to inquire if those members had a constitutional right to adjourn to Pittsburgh, which was determined in the negative.

The Presbytery appointed to meet in Licking congregation at the house of Thomas Brown, on the second thursday in Novr. next, for the purpose of ordaining and instaling Mr. Robert MGarraugh.

The Revd. Francis Laird was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and in case of his absence, the Revd. James Galbraith; and the Revd. Thomas Moore was appointed to preside, and give the charge, and in case of his absence the Revd. George Hill.

Collections for defraying the expences of commissioners to the General Assembly, were received from the following congregations, viz

from Mount Pleasant $3..69 —Second Presn. Congn. of Pittsbh. 4.68½
—— Rehoboth..... 4..24½—Round Hill.....3·7
—— Long Run..... 2. 80 —Sawickly.....1.97
—— Poke Run..... 1. 90 —Fairfield.....2.00

Collections for the missionary business, were received, from the Congn. of Congruity $25.28. D C D C
Rehoboth 32.93—Round hill 22.56½

The Revd. Francis Laird stated to Presbytery, that he had, in the fall of the year 1806, paid $13-72 in behalf of the congregations of Poke-Run and Plumb Creek, to the treasurer of the board of trust.

The Presbytery allowed John M. Snowden, ruling elder, for his expences as a commissioner to the General Assembly, $14.61; which, agreeable to his request, was forwarded to the treasurer as a donation from him to the Missionary fund.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Boggs as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, on cases of conscience, and having received satisfactory evidence of his literary attainments, examined him on systematic divinity, which parts of trial, were sustained.

The Presbytery appointed to meet in Pittsburgh, on the first Wednesday of December next, for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. Boggs, Pastor of the second presbyterian congregation in that place.

The Revd. William Speer was appointed to preach, and the Revd. Samuel Porter to preside and give the charge. Mr. Boggs was appointed to open the presbytery, with a discourse from Phil. 1. 6, as a part of his trials for ordination.

The Revd. Messrs. Hill, Swan, and Laird, obtained leave of absence, during the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, *Octr.* 23.*d.*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A request was made by the session of the congregation of Greensburgh, in concurrence with Mr. Robert Brown, for an explanation of the minute of Presbytery, relative to him, which was formed at their spring meeting in 1806. On motion resolved, that as their are but few members present, and access to the testimon(y) on that subject, cannot now be had, the consideration of this matter be postponed, until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

On motion resolved that the ministers and congregations under the care of this Presbytery, be required to pay a proper attention to the recommendation of Synod, relative to the annual collections of money, for missionary purposes, agreeably to the injunction of the General Assembly.

The following supplies were appointed viz.

Mr. Power was appointed one Sab. at Union Town, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Porter was appointed one Sab. at Indiana, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Henderson was appointed to supply one Sab. at Kittanning, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Hill was appointed to supply at Indiana, the 3d. Sab. of Novr.

Mr. Steele was appointed to supply one sab., at discretion as to time and place.

Mr. Swan was appointed to supply one Sab. at Turkeyfoot, at discretion as (to) time

Mr. Speer was appointed to supply one Sab. at Quemmahoning, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Moore was appointed to supply one sab. at Somerset, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply at Kittanning, the 3d. sab. of Novr.

Mr. Wylie was appointed to supply at Morgan Town, the 3d. Sab. of March.

Mr. Adams was appointed to supply at Turkey foot, the 1st. Sab March

Mr. Graham was appointed to supply at Somerset, the 1st. Sab. April

Mr. Guthrie was appointed to supply one sab. at Morgan Town, at discretion as to time.

Mr. Galbraith was appointed to supply at Quemmahoning, the 1st. Sab. of April.

Mr. MGarraugh was appointed to supply one sab., at discretion as to time and place

Mr. Boggs was appointed to supply one sab., at discretion as to time and place.

A letter from the board of trustees of Jefferson College, requesting this Presbytery to use their exertions, to aid them in the erection of a new College Edifice, was read; the consideration of which was postponed, until the next stated meeting of the Presb.y.

The Presbytery appointed to meet at Sawickly on the third tuesday of April next.

On motion resolved, that the Revd. James Guthrie open the next stated meeting of Presbytery; and that the future order for opening of the Presbytery, be by the roll descending from him.

The Moderator and Clerk was directed to write to the Revd. Messrs. Henderson, Steele, Adams, and Wylie, informing them, of the appointment of a meeting of the Presbytery, at the house of Thomas Brown in Licking congregation, on the second thursday in Novr. next, for the purpose of ordaining, and installing Mr. M Garraugh, and urging their attendance at s.d meeting.

Adjourned to meet in Licking congregation, on the second thursday in Novr. next. Concluded with prayer.

LICKING. *Novr.* 12*th* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Was constituted with prayer. Members present, the Revd. Messrs. George Hill, Thomas Moore, Francis Laird and James Galbraith.

Elders Messrs. John Henry, and John Quinn.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, William Swan, William Speer, James Adams, William Wylie, James Graham, and James Guthrie.

The Revd. George Hill was chosen Moderator, pro. tem.

The Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. M Garraugh; and did by prayer, and with the laying on of hands, solemnly ordain him to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and instal him Pastor of the united congregations of New Rehoboth, and Licking.

The Revd. Francis Laird preached the ordination sermon, and the Revd. Thomas Moore presided, and gave the charge.

Adjourned to meet in Pittsburgh, on the first Wednesday in Decemr. next. Concluded with prayer.

PITTSBURGH. *Decemr.* 2.*d* 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Was constituted with prayer, Members present, The Revd. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, William Swan, William Speer, and James Graham.

Absent the Revd. Messrs. James Power, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, Thomas Moore, George Hill, James Adams, William Wylie, James Guthrie, James Galbraith and Robert MGarraugh.

The Presbytery was opened by Mr. John Boggs, with a sermon from Phil. 1. 6., the subject assigned him, at their last stated meeting, which was sustained as a part of trial.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Boggs on ecclesiastical

history, and the government, and discipline of the church, whose answers were sustained as a part of trial.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY. *Decemr.* 3.*d.*

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery having received satisfaction from Mr. Boggs, on the usual parts of trial, proceeded to his ordination: and did by prayer and with the imposition of hands set him apart to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and install him Pastor of the 2nd Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh. The Revd. William Speer preached on the occasion, and the Revd. Samuel Porter presided, and gave the charge.

Mr. Boggs took his seat as a member.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly the 3.d tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer.

Examined and approved thus far by the Synod
5th Octr 1808 Wm Speer Modr.

SAWICKLY. 19*th Aprile* 1808

The Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened by the Rev, Jas, Guthrie with a sermon from Rom. 8th. 30,th.

Was constituted with prayer.

Members present the Rev, Messrs James Power, Jacob Jennings, William Swan, William Speer, Thomas Moore. James Adams, William Wylie, James Guthrie, & John Boggs

Elders John Richie. John Taylor, Robert Taylor, John Wright, & James Torrence.

Absent, the Revd, Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, George Hill, Francis Laird, James Graham, James Galbra(i)th & Robert McGarrah.

The Clerk of Presbytery being absent the Revd. William Wylie was chosen Clerk pro, tempore.

The minutes of last Presbytery not having been forwarded Presbytery proceeded to receive supplications for supplies.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o.clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY *Aprile 20th*,

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd, James Galbrath having come his reasons for not appearing sooner were sustained.

The minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery & of the intermediate meeting at Licking were read.

The reasons of the Revd, Messrs Adams, and Guthrie, for not attending the last stated meeting of Presbytery were sustained.

On inquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments to supply except the Revd, Messrs, Power, Speer, & Boggs, whose reasons for not fulfilling their appointments were sustained.

The reasons of the Revd, Messrs, Power, Jennings, Swan, Speer, Adams, Wylie, & Guthrie for not attending the meeting of Presbytery at Licking were sustained.

Mr, Boggs requested leave to resign the pastoral-charge of the Second Congregation of Pittsburgh on account of the ill state of his health. Commissioners from said Congregation having been called on, & having declared their acquiescence in Mr, Boggs's request, it was granted.

Mr, Boggs requested to be dismissed from this Presbytery in order to join the Presbytery of Winchester which was granted; & he is hereby recommended as a member in good standing. The Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy of the above minute.

The Second Congregation of Pittsburgh applied for supplies & for liberty to apply to the Presbyteries of Ohio & Erie for supplies; which were granted. Mr, Graham having come his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

Collections for defraying the expences of Commissioners to the General Assembly were received from the following Congregations, viz;

	D C		D C
From—Greensburgh & —& Unity	4.00	—1st Congn. Pittsb.g.	5.00
—Salem	2.57½	—Laurel-hill	3.85½
—Georges Creek & —& Union	2.00	—Tyrone for 2 years.	5.36½
—Rehoboth.	3.61	— Gilgal.	2.00
—Round-hill	3.22	—Harmoney.	1.75
		—2d Congr, Pittsb,g	3.00
		—Delaps-Creek	3.00

Collections for Missionary purposes were received from the following Congregations viz

	D C		D C
From—Greensburgh —& Unity	4.11½	—Union	3.5°
—Salem	4.25	—Laurel-hill	12—25

Presbytery after some conversation on the subject of Robert Brown,s request the consideration of which was postponed from their last stated meeting untill their present Sessions; Did in consequence of Mr, Brown,s having joined another Denomination of professing Christians defer any further consideration of the subject.

The consideration of the address of the Trustees of Jefferson Colledge which was postponed at the last Stated meeting of Presbytery was resumed; & the Presbytery recommended it to their members individually to pay a proper attention to raising contributions for the purposes specified in said address.

The Revd, Messrs, William Wylie & James Galbrath were appointed Commissioners to attend the next General Assembly & were furnished with Commissions.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint supplies as follow

Mr, Power one Sab, at Turky-foot & one at Union Town discretionary.

Mr, Jennings one Sab, at Rehoboth discretionary.

Mr, Swan two Sabbaths at Pitts-burgh.

Mr, Speer one Sab, at Quemahoning.

Mr, Moore in the Second Congregation of Pittsburgh the 4th Sab, of August & one Sab at discretion

Mr, Adams the 2d, Sab, of June at the Crossings & 3d Sab, of August at Turky foot.

Mr, Graham the 3d, Sab. of July in the 2d, Congregation of Pittsburgh & one at discretion.

Mr, Guthrie the 1st, Sab, of August at the Crossings & one at discretion.

Mr, Henderson one Sab, at Harmony & one at Kittanning

Mr, Porter one Sab, at Gilgal & one at the 2d, Congregation of Pittsburgh.

Mr, Hill 1st, Sab of June at Wheatfield & the 2d, Sab, of September at Quemahoning.

Mr, Steele 5th, Sab, of May at Round-hill

Mr, Laird the 1st, Sab, of August at Indianna & one Sab, at discretion.

Mr, Mc,Garrah 2 Sab,s at discretion.

Mr, Swan produced a settlement with the Congregation of Long-Run by which it appear(e)d that a ballance of Sixty Six ponnds eight Shillings & six pence was due to him on the 15th, of November last

Mr, Adams produced a settlement with the Congregation of Union by which it appeared that a ballance of eighty pounds seventeen shillings & ten pence was due to him on the 15th, of Aprile last.

Presbytery agreed to meet at Mount Pleasant on the 3d, tuesday of October next —

On enquiry it was found that the Members generally were not prepared to make congregational reports: therefore Presbytery enjoined it on them to be prepared to make reports on this subject at their next meeting.

The minutes of the last intermediate meeting of Presbytery at which Mr. Boggs was ordained were not brought forward.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the 1st, Wednesday of October at 6 o,clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh *October 5th* 1808

The Presbytery meet according to adjournment— Was constituted with prayer—

Members present The Revd, Dr, James Power & the Revd, Messrs. Jacob Jennings, Robert Steele, George Hill, William Swan, James Adams, Francis Laird, & James Guthrie.

Elders, Daniel Fleming & James Veach.

Absent The Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, Thomas Moore, William Wylie, James Graham, James Galbraith & Robert McGarraugh.

On motion resolved that Congregational reports commence the 1st of Aprile 1807

Congregational reports were received from the following congregations, viz—From Mount-Pleasant, Long-run, Sawickly, Rehoboth, Round-hill, Laurel-hill, Tyrone, Union, & Georges-creek.

Adjourned to meet at Mount-pleasant on the 3d, tuesday of this month.

Concluded with prayer.

Mount-pleasant *October the 18th,* 1808

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd, William Wylie from Mat, 16–26. Constituted with prayer.

Members present, the Revd, Dr, James Power & the Revd, Messrs., Samuel Porter, Robert Steele, Wm– Swan, Thomas Moore, James Adams, Francis La(i)rd, Wm—Wylie, James Graham, & James Guthrie.

Elders, Messrs, Jno, Niel, Peter Wallace, Andrew Laurimer, William Hill, Charles Carothers, & Alexander Guthrie.

Absent, the Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jinnings, George Hill, William Speer, James Galbraith, & Robert McGarraugh.

The Revd, Wm–Wiley was chosen Moderator & the Revd, James Graham clerk for the ensueing year.

The minutes of the last sessions were read

The Revd, Messrs Saml, Porter, Robt, Steele, & Francis La(i)rd assigned reasons for not attending the last sessions of Presbytery which were sustained.

The Revd, Robt, McGarrah appeared, his reasons for not coming sooner, & for not attending the two last meetings of Presbytery were sustained—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had generally fulfilled their appointments. The reasons of those members who had not fulfilled their appointments were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to morrow-morning at 9 o,clock. Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY *October the 19th.*

Presbytery met according to adjournment—Members present as above After prayer the minutes of last session were read

The Revd, Joseph Henderson appeared and gave reasons for not coming sooner, & also for not attending former meetings of Presbytery which were sustained

The Revd, Wm–Speer appeared his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

A petition was presented by Mary Mc,Masters praying that the Session of Mount Pleasant be ordered to furnish her with a copy of their proceedings & a copy of their judgment on her case, which case was decided by sd, Session seven or eight years since.

The Presbytery having obtained all the informa(tion) on the subject within their reach, were of opinion that that as two of the persons principally concerned in the business were removed by Death, and a number of years had elapsed since the case was decided; that her request could not be fully granted but that the Session ought, & are hereby, ordered to furnish her with a copy of their judgment on her case.

The Revd, Dr, Power was appointed to supply at Turky-Foot one Sab,— Mr, Henderson one Sab, at discretion Mr, Porter one Sab, at Kittanning—Mr, Steele one Sab, at Union-Town—Mr, Swan one Sab, at Morgan-town Mr, More one Sab, at Somerset—Mr, Adams at Crossings the 3d, Sab of March—Mr, Laird one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Wylie at Union-Town the 3d, Sab of March—Mr, Guthrie at the Crossings the 3d Sab of Nov, Mr, Mc,Garragh at Cownshanick the 4th Sab, of Octbr, Mr, Jennings one Sab, at discretion Mr, Hill one Sab, at Wheatfield –Mr, Galbrath at Wheatfield one Sab,—Mr, Graham one Sab, at discretion –

Collections for defraying the expenses of Commissioners to the Gen, Assembly were recieved from the following Congregations.

	D	C
Mount pleasant	3.	79
Sawickly & Longrun	4.	57
Salem	1–	57
Plumb-Creek	2–	00
Poke-Run	1–	43
Beulah	5.	00

Collections for Missionary purposes were recieved from the following Congregations.

		D	C
Mount-pleasant	—	33.	50
Long Run	—	20.	00
Sawickley	—	24.	28
George,s Creek	—	5.	82
Dunlaps creek	—	31.	11
Poke-Run		3–	00
Plumb-creek		3–	00
Beulah		10–	37½
Tyrone		43–	87½
Little Redstone		2–	50

Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Stated Clerk where uppon the Revd. Wm–Wylie was chosen & the former Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the books and papers in his possession—The Revd, James Adams requested leave to travel some time without the bounds of this Presbytery, which was granted & he is hereby recommended as a member in good standing –& the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to meet at Salem the 3d. tuesday of Aprile next. Concluded with prayer—

SALEM 18*th*, *Aprile* 1809

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by The Revd, Robt, Mc,Garrah, from Mat, 9th. 12th

Members present, The Revd, Messrs, Saml, Porter—Geo, Hill––Wm. Speer—Wm–Swan. Thos, Moore––Francis Lard––Wm–Wylie––Jas. Graham –Jas, Guthrie, & Robt, McGarragh––

Elders––Jno, More, Thos, Pollock––Jno Taylor––Jno, Barnet, Jno, Burns, Jas, Coulter & Jno, Henry—— Absent. The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & The Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings Robt, Steele, Jas, Adams, & Jas, Galbrath––

After prayer the minutes of the last Sessions were read

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had generally fulfilled their appointments— The reasons of those members who had not fulfilled their appointments were sustained, except those given by

Mr, Moore— Mr, Hill assigned reasons for not attending the two last stated meetings of Presbytery which were sustained—

The Revd, Wm–Speer requested leave of absence during the remainder of the present sessions, which was granted,— The Revd, Robt, Steele appeared his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained—

Mr, Saml, Porter junr appeared & requested to be taken on trial as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry—Presbytery having recieved sufficient evidence of his having gone through a regular course of education—of his good moral character—& of his being in the Communion of the Church; proceeded to converse with him respecting his views in desiring the sacred office of the Gospel ministry—his experimental acquaintance with religion; and proposed some cases of conscience for his solution, & having recieved satisfaction on these subjects, agreed to receive him on trial as a candidate for the Gospel ministry—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine o,clock concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

Presbytery met according to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

The Revd, Jas, Adams appeared his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

Applications for supplies were recieved from the following vacant Congregations—viz Wheatfield—Turky foot—Somerset—Indianna—Kittanning—Union-Town & Tygarts-valley—

Mr, Porter produced a settlement by which it appeared that the Con-
£ S D
gregation of Congruity were indebted to him 84–3–4 on the 1st,. of Aprile last—

Mr, Swan a settlement with Long-run Congregation by which it ap-
dolls Cents
peared there was a ballance due to him from sd, Congregation of 170–00 on the 15th, of November 1808 And it appeared that Sawickly Con-
Dolls
gregation were at the same time indebted to him 282., & 44 cents—

It appeared that the Congregation of Licking were indebted to Mr,
Dolls Cents
Mc,Garragh 23. 98 on the 1st of Aprl. A. D. 1808—

Mr. Hill produced settlements by which it appeared that Donegal
£ S d
Congregation were indebted to him 27. 5. 4. on the 1st of Aprile 1809

£ S d

& the Congregation of Fairfield 129. 14. 5--

An application was brought forward from Salem Congregation praying for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between sd, Congregation & the Revd, Thomas Moore— Presbytery having heard the Commissioners in behalf of the Congregation & Mr, Moore having, on certain conditions, agreed to withdraw his opposition, Presbytery proceeded to dissolve the pastoral relation between Mr. Moore & sd, Congregation & it is hereby dissolved--

Collections for the Commissioners fund were received from the following Congregations viz

Congruity	2-31	Union	1-50
1st, Congn, Pittsburgh	5-00	Beulah	3-25
Salem	5-81	Laurel Hill	2-00
Rehoboth	3-57	Ebenezer	3-50
Round-hill	3-08	Bethel	2-06

Anual reports were recieved from the following Churchs viz,

	Total in Com. 1st, Apr'l, 1808	members since added		Died	Dismissed.	Suspended	Total in Communion	Baptized since		
		On examination	On certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Congruity	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	45	48
Poke Run & Plumb, Cr	136	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	144	1	56	57
Beulah	122	7	3	1	9	.....	122		20	20
Rehoboth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Round-hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel hill	120	7	1	.....	2	.....	126	.....	22	22
Tyrone	90	15	1	2	2	1	101	7	20	27
New Rehoboth	20	2	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	11	13
Licking	33	8	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	16
1st Presbyterian Congn, Pittsbg	45	6	2	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	18	18

Collections for missionary purposes were recieved from the following Congregations viz--

	D C		D C		D C
Ebenezer	3-58.	Bethel	2-06	Union	3.00
			D C		D C
Salem	5.81	Rehoboth	29 2	Round hill	11-63.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr— Saml, Porter junr, on the learned languages & sciences on all which they recieved satisfaction & appointed him to prepare an Exegesis on the following theme,, Quid

sit discrimen inter Foedera operum et gratiae,, to be delivered at their next meeting--

Mr, Steele was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Union-Town—Mr, Swan one Sab, at discretion Mr, Laird one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Wylie one Sabbath at Union-Town—Mr, Graham one Sab - at discretion—Mr, Adams one Sab, at the Crossings.—Mr, Guthrie one Sab, at Turkyfoot—Mr, Mc,Garraugh the 4th Sab, of Aprl, at Cownshanick.

Mr, Moore was appointed to supply one Sab, at Somerset—one Sab, at Wheatfield two Sab,s in Tygarts Valley & the remainder of his time at discretion until the next stated meeting of Presbytery

The Commissioners of Salem Congregation requested leave to apply for supplies to any Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsb,g, which was granted—

Mr, Moore having requested permission to travel sometime without the bounds of this Presbytery, leave was granted: & he is hereby recommended as a member in good-standing & the Clerk is ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute—

Mess,rs--Porter and Hill were appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lord,s Supper at Salem the 3d, Sab, of June—

Mr, Henderson was appointed to supply one Sab, at Indiana—Mr, Galbrath one Sab, at Kittaning—& Mr, Speer one Sab, at Salem—

Presbytery agreed to meet at Rehoboth the third tuesday of October next—

Adjourned to meet at Beulah the last tuesday of June next—

Concluded with prayer—

Examined and approved thus far
Octobr. 5th. 1809—— Saml. Ralston Modr.

Beulah *27th June* 1809

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened by Mr, Thomas Hunt with a sermon from Rom, 5, 20——

Members present—The Revd, Saml, Porter, Robt, Steele, Wm—Swan, Francis Laird, & Jas, Graham.

Elders, Thos, Plummer, & Wm, Mc,Crea—

Absent—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power, & Messrs—Joseph Henderson, Geo, Hill, Jacob Jennings, Wm—Speer, Thos, More, Jas, Adams, Wm—Wylie, Jas, Guthrie, Jas, Galbraith & Robt, MGarraugh.—

After prayer, the Revd, Saml, Porter was chosen Moderator, pro, tem,—Mr, Saml, Porter junr, read an Exegesis on the theme assigned him, which was sustained as a part of trial, and Presbytery appointed

him to deliver a homily from Jno, 15th, 5. and a Presbyterial exercise from 2, Pet, 1. 19th, at their next meeting—

Mr, Thos, Hunt, a Licentiate, presented a certificate of his dismission from the Presbytery of Ohio, & of his good standing & requested this Presbytery to take him under their care, which was granted--

A call from the second congregation of Pitts,bg— for Mr, Thos, Hunt was presented to him of which he declared his acceptance.—

Presbytery examined Mr, Hunt on his experimental knowledge of religion, on his acquaintance with the learned languages, & proposed some cases of conscience for his solution—which were sustained as parts of trial for ordination--

Mr, Hunt was appointed to preach a sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery from Hab, 2–4–last clause, preparatory to his ordination

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the third tuesday of oct, next— Concluded with prayer—

Rehoboth *oct*, 17—1809—

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Mr, Hunt on the subject assigned him—

Members present—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power and the Revd, Messrs, Saml, Porter—Jacob Jinnings, Geo, Hill, Wm— Speer, Wm— Swan, Thos, More, Francis Laird, Wm— Wylie, Jas, Guthrie & Robt, McGarraugh—

Elders, David Buchannon, Robt, Baird, Andrew Allisson, Jno, Hamilton, Jonath, Dotee, & Jno, Wright

Absent—the, Revd, Joseph Henderson, Robt, Steele, Jas, Adams, Jas, Graham, & Jas, Galbraith—

After prayer the Revd, Jas, Guthrie, was chosen Moderator, & the Revd, Francis Laird Clerk for the ensuing year—

The minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read— The minutes of the last meeting were not present

The Revd, Dr, Power gave reasons for not attending the last Stated meeting of Presbytery, & Mr, Jennings gave reasons for not attending the two last meetings of Presbytery which were sustained. Mr. Adams appeared & his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained—On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments except Mr, Wylie who gave such reasons as were sustained—

Mr, Steele appeared and assigned reasons for not attending sooner & also for not fulfilling his appointment which were sustained—

Presbytery proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr, Hunt & agreed to sustain it as a part of trial—

The Revd, Thos, Moore having stated that Salem congregation had not discharged the arrearages due to him agreeably to their promise, Presbytery did and hereby do enjoin upon said congregation to pay off all arrearages due to Mr, More before their next meeting and to appear then by their Commissioners before Presbytery to satisfy them on this subject—

Collections for the Commissioners fund—were received as follow—

	Doll	C
From —Mount-Pleasant	2..	53
—Long-Run.....	1..	57
—Sawickley	2..	47
—Poke-run	2..	00
—Plumb creek.....	1...	50

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine o,clock—concluded with prayer—

Wednesday—*Oct*, 18*th*, 1809

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.—

Presbytery finding in the extracts of the minutes of the Gen. Assembl(y)—an injunction upon each of the Presbyteries composing that body relative to Theological Schools resolved that the full consideration of said subject be postponed until the spring meeting of Presbytery & that each member be prepared against that time to give his judgments in this matter—And whereas there appeared also in the extracts of the minutes of the Gen, Assembly—a resolution requiring all the Presbyteries within their bounds, anually to call up & examine the sessional records of the several Churches under their care, & also a resolution requiring the different Presbyteries within their bounds to enquire of the different sessions whether a proper pastoral care,, be exercised over baptized children in their congregations that they learn the principles of religion & walk in newness of life before God,,

Presbytery did and hereby do enjoin upon each member that they pay particular attention to the above resolutions of the Gen, Assembly, & come prepared against their next spring meeting to render an account of their fidelity in complying therewith.—

Mr, Saml, Porter junr, read discourses on the subjects assigned him at our last meeting which were sustained as parts of trial—

Applications for supplies were made by the following vacancies, Cherry-run, Indianna, Kittanning, Quemahoning, Wheatfield, Crossings, Somerset, Middletown, Tygarts-valley, Union-Town, Morgantown, & Salem—

Presbytery proceeded to examine Messrs, Hunt & Porter on Theology & agreed to sustain their answers as parts of trial

Mr, Baird obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Presbytery—

Dr, Power was appointed to supply one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Porter one Sab, at Salem —Mr, Hill one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Speer one Sab, at Quemahoning—Mr, Swan one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Moore the 4th, Sab, of october at Indiana,—the last Sab, of october—at Wheatfield, the 1st Sab, of November—at Kittanning & the remainder of his time at discretion—

Mr, Steele one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Jennings one Sab, at Union-Town—Mr, Adams one Sab at the Crossings

Mr, Laird one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Wylie at Union-Town the 1st Sab, of November—Mr, Guthrie at the Crossings one Sab,—

Mr, Mc,Garraugh at Red-bank the 1st Sab, of nov,—Mr, Henderson at Kittanning one Sab,—Mr, Galbraith at Cherry-run—one Sab,—Mr, Graham one Sab, at discretion—

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr, Hunt on Moral and Natural Philosophy & agreed to sustain his answers as parts of trial—

Presbytery appointed to meet at Pitts,bg on the last tuesday of December next, to ordain and install, Mr, Thos, Hunt Pastor of the 2d, Presbyterian congregation in that place—The Revd, Wm— Wylie was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, & the Revd, Jas, Graham to preside and give the charge, & in case of their absence, the Revd, Wm— Swan to preach the sermon & the Revd, Francis, Laird to preside and give the charge.—

Mr, Saml, Porter junr was appointed to open Presbytery with a lecture upon Isai, 61—1–2 & 3 verses and also to deliver a sermon from phill, 3–20 as parts of trial—

Presbytery agreed to meet at Tyrone on the third tuesday of Aprl, next—

Adjourned to meet in the 2d, Presbyterian congregation in Pittsbg—on the last tuesday of dec, next—Concluded with prayer—

PITTSBURGH *26th december* 1809

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by Mr, Saml, Porter junr. with a lecture on the subject assigned him—

Members present—The Revd, Robt, Steele, Francis Laird, Wm— Wylie, & Jas,Graham—& Wm—Mc,Cray, Elder,—Absent—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power, and the Revd, Joseph Henderson, Saml, Porter, Jacob Jennings, Geo, Hill, Wm—Speer, Wm—Swan, Thos. More, Jas. Adams, Jas, Guthrie, Jas, Galbraith, & Robt, McGarrah—

After prayer the Revd, Wm—Wylie was chosen Moderator pro, tem,

—The minutes of the two last meetings of Presbytery were read except so far as relates to supplies—Presbytery proceeded to consider the lecture delivered by Mr, Saml, Porter junr, & agreed to sustain it as a part of trial—Mr, Graham gave reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr, Hunt on Ecclesiastical history, Church government & discipline & received satisfaction—

Mr, Saml, Porter junr, delivered a sermon the subject assigned him which was sustained as a part of trial—

Presbytery having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr, Saml, Porter junr, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, & of his being in the Communion of the Church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature —as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in Divinity & other studies, The Presbytery did & hereby do express their approbation of all These parts of trial, & he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, Presbytery did, & hereby do licence him the said Saml, Porter to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the Holy Ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery or wherever he shall be orderly called.—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half after ten o,clock— Concluded with prayer

Wednesday 27*th* 1809

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—The Congregation of Salem having produced a certificate from the Revd, Thos. More stating that said Congregation had complyed with the requisition of Presbytery, Presbytery considered themselves at liberty to appoint them further supplies

Application was made by Salem Congregation for as much of the time of Mr, Saml, Porter junr, as convenient—

Mr, Porter was appointed to supply at Salem the 3d, & 4th, Sabs, of January —one Sab, at Wheatfield—at Cherry-run the last Sab, of feb,—at Kittanning the first Sab, of march—& the remainder of his time at discretion until the next meeting of Presbytery—

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination & installment of Mr, Thos,

Hunt & did by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel ministry & installed him Pastor of the 2d. Presbyterian (Congregation) of Pittsburg—Mr, Wylie preached a sermon on the occasion and Mr. Graham presided & gave the charge—

Adjourned to meet at Tyrone on the third tuesday of aprile next—

Concluded with prayer—

TYRONE *Aprile 17th* 1810

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment and was opened by the Revd, Saml, Porter with a sermon from gal, 2–19—

Members present, the Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & the Revd, Saml, Porter, Jacob Jennings, Geo, Hill, Wm–Speer, Wm–Swan, Thos, More, Jas, Adams, Francis Laird, Wm–Wylie, Jas, Guthrie, & Thos, Hunt—

Elders Jno, Neele, Jno, McClain, Jas, Guthrie, Daniel Fleming, Wm–Huston, & Lewellen Howel—

Absent the Revd, Joseph Henderson, Jas, Graham, Jas, Galbraith & Robt, Mc,Garrough & the Revd, Robt, Steele who was removed by death on the 22d, of March last—

After prayer, Robt, Taylor a Commissioner from Salem Congregation, requested leave to apply to the Presbytery of Ohio for supplies which was granted & the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute—

The minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery so far as relates to supplies, & of the intermediate meeting were read—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments, except Dr, Power, Messrs, Jennings & Laird who gave such reasons as were sustained. The members who were absent from the last meeting of Presbytery gave such reasons as were sustained—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine O,clock—Concluded with prayer——

WEDNESDAY *Aprile 18th* 1810

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—Applications for supplies were made by the following vacancies—Salem, 1st Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsbg,—Wheatfield, Quemahoning, Somerset, Kittanning, Indianna, & Cherry-run—Collections for the Commissioners fund were received as follow— dolls

from Mount-pleasant 2 —

	dolls	cents		dolls	cents
Congruity	2–	66	Dunlap,s-creek for 2 years	4–	00
Fairfield	2–	00	Donegal	1–	00
1st Presbytn. Congn, Pittsbg	5–	00	Unity for 2 years	6–	00
Beulah	3–	02	2d. Presbyterian Congn. Pittsbg	4–	50
Poke-run	1–	82½	Union	1–	50
Laurel-hill	3–	00	Gilgal	1–	00
Harmoney		80½			

Mr. Galbraith appeared & assigned reasons for not attending the five last meetings of Presbytery & for not coming sooner which were sustained––

Collections for the Missionary fund were recieved as follow, from Unity D6– C16– Salem D1– C50 & Union D2– C50— Presbytery after maturely considering the plans submitted by the Gen. Assembly to the Presbyteries within their bounds relative to the establishment of Theological Schools were unanimously of opinion that the first is most eligible—Upon enquiry it appeared that the members had not since the last meeting of Presbytery any business in their different sessions which was proper to be committed to record—Also that the members present had exercised a proper Pastoral care, as far as circumstances would permit, over baptized persons in their Congregations.

Mr, Porter junr. requested liberty to itinerate out of the bounds of Presbytery until their next fall meeting which was granted & he is hereby recommended as a Probationer in good standing & the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute & of his licensure—

Anual reports were recieved from the following Congregations

Viz,	Total in Com. 1st. Apl. 1809	Members since added: On examination	Members since added: by certificate	Died	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total in Communion.	Baptized since: Adults	Baptized since: Infants	Baptized since: Total
Mount pleasant	153	1	1	2	5	2	146	4	11	15
Congruity	125						122	1	40	41
Long-run	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	66	1	7	7
Sawickly		7	.....	.....	.....	.....	66		7	7
Poke-run & Plumb-creek	144	9	3	1	6		149	7	48	55
Laurel-hill	126	7	1	1	4		129	2	14	16
Tyrone	101	6	5	1	2	.....	109		10	10

Mr, Hill produced a settlement by which it appeared that the Congn– of Fairfield were indebted to him £143.. S11.. D10 on the first of Aprile last, & Donegal £38.. S17.. D5½ due on the first of

Aprile last and Mr. Swan a settlement with Sawickly Congn—by which it appeared that there was a ballance due to him from said Congn – of 255 Dolls–36 Cents on the 15, of November last & it also appeared that Long-run Congregation was indebted to him 182 dolls–23 Cents on the 15th of November last—Mr, Wylie a settlement by which it appeared that Round-hill Congregation owed him 161 dolls. 85½ Cents due on the first of Jan, last—and also that Rehoboth Congr—owed him 42 dolls—74 Cents due at the same time - Mr, Guthrie a settlement with Tyrone Congr—by which it appeared that sd, Congr—owed him 51 dolls–12½ Cents on the 1st of october last—

The Revd, Wm–Speer, Wm–Swan & Jas, Guthrie were appointed Commissioners to attend the next Gen, Assembly—

Dr, Power was appointed to supply one Sab at Saweekley & one at discretion—

Mr, Porter one Sab, at Greensburgh & one at Kittanning—Mr, Jennings one Sab, at Laurel-hill—& one Sab, at Union-Town—

Mr, Hill the 2d, of May at Salem & one Sab at Quemahoning—Mr, More the 4th Sab, of this month in the 1st Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsburgh & one Sab, at Turky foot & the remainder of his time until the next stated meeting of Presbytery at discretion—

Mr, Adams one Sab, at the crossings & one at Turky foot—

Mr, Laird one Sab, at Kittaning & one at discretion—Mr, Wylie the 2d, Sab, of May at Tyrone & the 3d Sab, of August at Union-Town—

Mr, Galbraith one Sab, at Indianna & one at Cownshanick—Mr, Hunt the 4th Sab, of May at Long-run & one Sab at Unity—

Mr, Henderson to assist at the administration of the Lords Supper at Salem on the 2d Sab, of May, & one Sab, at Indianna—

Mr, Graham one Sab, in the 1st, congregation of Pittsburgh & one Sab, at discretion—

Mr, McGarraugh one Sab, at Cherry-run & one at Cowanshanick—and Mr, Porter junr, at Pittsbg, the 5 Sab, of this month—

On motion resolved that the Revd, Wm–Speer be added to the Standing committee—

Mr, More requested liberty to itinerate without the bounds of Presbytery most of the time until their next Stated meeting—which was granted—

Adjourned to meet at Unity on the 3d, tuesday of october next—

Concluded with prayer—

Examined and approved By the Synod—October 4th 1810—

Saml Porter Mod.

Unity *16th october* 1810—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd. Jas. Galbraith from Isai. 63–1— Constituted with prayer—

Members present, the Revd. Saml. Porter—Wm–Speer, Wm–Swan, Wm–Wylie, Jas. Graham, Jas. Guthrie Jas. Galbraith & Robt. Mc.Garraugh—

Elders. Jno. More—Wm–Finley, Wm–Finley, Thos. Wilson Jas. Goudy, Peter Wallace & Hugh Martin—

Absent—The Revd Dr. Jas. Power & the Revd. Joseph Henderson, Thos. More, Jacob Jennings Geo. Hill Francis Laird, Jas. Adams & Thos. Hunt—

The Revd. Wm–Swan, was chosen Moderator & the Revd. Jas. Galbraith Clerk—

Mr. Graham,s reasons for not attending the two last meetings of Presbytery & Mr. McGarraughs reasons for not attending the last meeting were sustained -

On enquiry it appeared that the Revd. Jas. Guthrie attended the last Gen. Assembly—

The Revd. Wm–Swan & Wm–Speer gave reasons for not attending which were sustained—

It appeared that the members had substantially fulfilled their appointments with the exception of Mr. Wylie in one instance whose reasons for not fulfilling that one were sustained—

Applications for supplies were received from the following Congregations—viz. Cown.shnick. Red-bank. Salem. Indianna. and Kittaning—

Adjourned to meet to morrow. morning at 9 o. clock— Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday *17th october*—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd Messrs. More. Laird. and Huntt. appeared Their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

Uppon enquiry it appeared that the Revd Messrs. More & Laird had fulfilled their appointments—The Revd Mr. Hunts reasons for not fulfilling his. were sustained—

The Revd. Joseph Stockton formerly. a member of the Presbytery of Erie made application to be received by this Presbytery. and having given sufficient evidence that he was a member in good standing & had

been regularly dismissed from the Presbytery of Erie he was accordingly received—

Mr, Saml, Porter junr, requested a dismission from this Presbytery in order to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle: & expressed a desire to supply within our bounds through the winter: This request was granted and the Clerk ordered to furnish him with the necessary testimonials—

The Revd, Robt, Patterson, a member of the Presbytery of Erie, requested leave to preach occasionally within the bounds of this Presbytery which was granted—

Collections for the Commssrs, fund were recieved from the following Congrs,—Long-run D 3 Cents 21—Sawickly D 1—Cents 64—Greensburgh D 4—Cents 05—

For the Missionary fund Beulah—3—75 Laurel-hill a reciept for the payment of Dolls, 10 into the hands of the Treasurer—The Treasurer stated that he had received at the late meeting of Synod—from Dunlap,s-Creek D 23—C 50—Rehoboth & Round-hill Dolls 49—Greensburgh D 4. C 00—

On motion resolved that, it be enjoined on the members of this Presbytery, Severally, to make proper exertions to obtain contributions, within their respective charges & where they may supply; for the use of the Theological School, and transmit the sums collected to the agents appointed by the Gen. Assembly within our bounds as soon as convenient—

The Revd, Thomas More requested leave to itinirate without the bounds of this Presbytery until the next stated meeting, which was granted & the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a coppy of this minute—

Mr, Stockton requested leave of absence the remaining sessions of Presbytery which was granted—

The Congregation of Concord requested liberty to apply to the Presbytery of Erie for supplies which was granted—

Mr, Porter Senr, was appointed to preach one Sab, in the first Congregation of Pittsbg—Mr, Swan one Sab, at Salem —Mr, More the last Sab of this month at Kittaning—Mr Wylie one Sab, at Union-Town — Mr, Stockton in the first Congr— Pittsburgh as often as convenient—Mr, Graham one Sab, in the first Congr— of Pittsburgh—

Mr, Guthrie one Sab, at Kittanning—

Mr, Galbraith one Sab, at Indianna—Mr, Hill one Sab, at Salem—Mr, Laird one Sab, at discretion—Mr, Adams one Sab, at the Crossings—Mr, Porter junr, the third Sab of October at Kittanning & one Sab at Salem—

Adjourned to meet in Rehoboth the third tuesday of Aprile next—
Concluded with prayer—

REHOBOTH 16*th Aprile* 1811

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd, Thomas Huntt, from Rom, 3d, 25th—

Constituted with prayer—Members present, The Revd, Dr, James Power, & the Revd, Saml, Porter, George Hill, Wm-Swan, Thos, More, Wm-Speer, Francis Laird, James Adams, Wm-Wylie, James Graham, James-Guthrie, Robert McGarraugh & Thomas Huntt—

Elders, John Ralston, John Finley, John Sloan, Joseph Hadden, Michael Rough, Alexander Irwin, John Cooley, James Cooper, James Veach & William Bell,—

Absent—The Revd, Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jinnings, Joseph Stockton & James Galbraith—

The minutes of the last meeting were read—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointment—

Mr, Robert Taylor, a Commissioner from Salem Congregation requested liberty to apply to the Ohio Presbytery for supplies which was granted and the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a coppy of this minute—

A memorial from Dunlap,s-Creek Congregation was presented to Presbytery—praying for advice relative to embarrassments therein specified, Presbytery appointed the Revd, Wm-Wylie, James Graham, & James Guthrie—with Messrs, Jno, Wwright, & Joseph Torrence Elders a Committee, to meet at Dunlap,s Creek, Church on the last thursday of may next, & pay such attention to the above case as they may judge proper & report at the next meeting of Presbytery—

Presbytery appointed the Revd, George Hill & Wm-Wylie a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the Commissioners fund—and the Revd, Wm-Swan & George Hill a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary fund—to report to morrow morning—

The Revd, George Hill, Wm-Swan & Thos, Huntt, with Mr, George Plummer elder were appointed Commissioners to attend the next Gen, Assembly—

Applications for supplies were rec,d from the following Congregations—Salem, Red-bank, Glade-run, formerly called Cownshanick, Quemahoning, Wheatfield, Crossings, Kittaning, Tygarts-Valley, Turky-foot, Union-Town & Somerset—

Resolved that it be considered the duty of every member of this Presbytery who shall supply in our vacancies to inculcate on them publickly, or in private, as he shall think most adviseable, the importance of sending Commissioners to the stated meetings of Presbytery, or where this in any instances may be impracticable, to forward to Presbytery such communications as the state of the vacancy may require—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o,clock—

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday 17*th*, 1811

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

The Revd, James Galbraith assigned reasons for not coming sooner which were sustained—Dr, Power produced a settlement with Mount-Pleasant Congregation whereby it appeared that said Congregation were indebted to him £ 215 15 S, 3, d on the first of Aprile last—Mr, Potter produced a settlement with the Congr—of Congruity whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him Dolls 229, Cents 39 on the 9th of Aprile 1811

Mr, Hill produced a settlement with Fairfield Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him £. 110–S 17 d 4 on the 6th of Aprile last—& also from Donegal a settlement whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him on the 15th of Aprile last the sum of £ 45– S 7– d 9—

Mr, Swan produced a settlement with Long-run Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him dolls 82 cents 31 due on the 15th of Novembr, 1810—and also a settlement with Sawickly Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him dolls 226, cents 16½ due on the 15th, Nov, 1810—

Mr, Wylie produced a settlement with Round-hill Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him doll 150, c 58 due on the 1st, of Jan, 1811—& with Reheboth Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him dols 64– cents 12, due on the first of Jan, 1811—Mr, Guthrie produced a settlement with Tyrone Congr—whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him doll 64, cents 66 due on the 6th of Aprile last—Mr, Huntt produced a settlement with the 2d, Congr—of Pittsburgh whereby it appeared that sd, Congr—stood indebted to him, doll 104, cents 44 due on the first of Aprile 1811—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had not any Sessional records for examination—

Anual reports were recieved from the following Churches

Viz,	Total in Communion 1st, Aprl, 1810	Admitted since		died	dismissed.	Suspended.	Total in Communion	Baptized since		
		Uppon examination	Uppon Certificate.					Adults	Infants	Total
Mount-pleasant	153	5	3	2	3		151		15	15
Congruity	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	30
Fairfield	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	29	31
Donegal	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	12
Unity	123	3	2	1	8	3	119		11	11
Greensburgh	42	2	1	1	1	1	43		4	4
Plumb Creek	92	12	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	20	20
Poke-run	80	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	26
Rehoboth) Round-hill)	184	2	4	2	6	.....	182	.....	20	20
Beulah	122	16	4	4	26		112	1	39	40
Laurel-Hill	129	7	3	2	5		132	2	11	13
Tyrone	109	5	1	.....	5		110	2	22	24
1st Congr, Pittsbg	65	4	6	.....	1	.....	74	.....	21	21
2d Congr, Pittsbg	30	14	13	2		1	54	1	15	16
Long-run	65			1	6		59		4	4
Sawickly	66	1	2	1	4		65	2	13	15

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer for the Commissioners fund having found some difficulties in bringing the matter to an issue, Presbytery recommitted the business to them & ordered them to report at the fall meeting—

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer for the Missionary fund having found some difficulties in bring(ing) the matter to an issue, Presbytery recomitted the business to them with an injunction to report at their next fall meeting—

The Revd, Francis Laird was appointed Treasurer for the Commissioners fund—

Contributions for the Commissioners fund were recieved as follow

	D C		Doll Cents
		Mount-pleasant	2–56
Congruity	2–68	Fairfield	2–00
Donegal	1–00	Sawickly	1–46
Greensburgh	2–65	Unity	2–50
Beulah	3–75	Rehoboth for 2 years	6–18½
Round hill for 2 years	4–35	—Laurel-hill	3–20
1st Congr—Pittsburgh	5–00	2d, Congr—Pittsburgh	5–28
Bethel	5–19	—And Collections for the Mis-	

	D C		D C		D C
sionary fund from Unity					2–50
Greensburgh	2.70	—Congruity	6.00	Union	2 00

On motion resolved that the Revd. Wm. Speer, Wm-Wylie & Jas. Graham be appointed to assist the agents of the Gen. Assembly in this Presbytery in obtaining contributions for the Theological School--

Dr Power was appointed to preach at Sawickly the first Sab. of June & one Sab. at discretion— Mr. Porter the first Sab. of Sep. at Salem— Mr. Speer one Sab. at Quemahoning— Mr. More one Sab. at Cherry-run & one at Kittanning— Mr. Adams two Sab.s at discretion Mr. Wylie one Sab. at Union-Town —Mr. Laird at Long-run the last Sab. of May & one at discretion— Mr Graham 2d Congr—of Pittsburgh the 2d. Sab. of May—Mr. McGarraugh one Sab. at Glade-run & one at Red-bank—Mr. Galbraith one Sab. at Glade-run, & the 1st. Sab. of june at Fairfield—Mr. Guthrie at Donegal the 2d. Sab. of May—Mr. Stockton one Sab. in the 2d. Congr—of Pittsburgh——

Mr. More requested liberty to itinirate without the bounds of this Presbytery until their next stated meeting which was granted, & the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute-- Presbytery agreed to meet at Congruity on the third tuesday of October next--

Adjourned to meet at Round-hill on the third tuesday of june next—

Concluded with prayer--

ROUND-HILL 18*th*. *june* 1811

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd. Francis Herron from Acts 16th. 31st-- Members present. the Revd. Wm-Swan Wm-Wylie & James Graham--

Elders Jno. Wright & Jas. B. Clough—

Absent, the Revd. Dr. Jas. Power. & the Revd. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jinnings, Saml. Porter. Wm-Speer, Thos. More. Geo. Hill, Francis Laird. Jas. Adams. Jas. Guthrie, Joseph Stockton. Jas. Galbraith, Robt. Mc.Garraugh & Thos. Huntt--

After prayer the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery as far as they relate to the business of Dunlap.s-Creek Congr—were read--

The Revd. Francis Herron formerly a member of the Presbytery of Carlisle presented a dismission from sd. Presbytery with satisfactory testimonials of his good standing, & requested to be recieved as a member of this Presbytery which was granted--

The Committee appointed to meet at Dunlap.s (Creek) reported that they met agreeably to appointment and paid that attention to the business which they thought necessary—

A communication from the Revd. Jacob Jinnings was handed into Presbytery in which he requests that on account of his age & infirmities. the pastoral relation between him & Dunlap.s-Creek Congr—be dissolved--

A communication was likewise recieved from the Congr—attested

by the Revd, Jas, Guthrie, that the sd, Congr—had in a regular manner, after public notice was given, acquiesced in the above request & authorised their Commissioner to state the same to Presbytery—whereupon the Presbytery after mature deliberation did & hereby do dissolve sd, pastoral relation——

The Commissioner from Dunlap,s-Creek Congr—applied for supplies, & for liberty to apply to the Presbytery of Ohio for supplies, which was granted—

Mr, Swan was appointed to supply at Dunlap,s Creek the last Sab, of August, & Mr, Wylie the last Sab of july—

A collection of doll 46–62 Cents was recieved from Dunlap,s-Creek for the Missionary fund—

A call from the 1st Presbyterian Congr—of Pittsb,g to the Revd, Francis Herron, was presented, read & put into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance—

Adjourned to meet at Congruity the third tuesday of october next—

Concluded with *prayer*—

These Records were examined and approve(d) thus far by the Synod—

Pittsb-g Octr— 4. 1814

Wm- Wick, Modr.

Congruity 15*th Oct* 1811.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd, Francis Herron from Mat, 12 & 20—

Constituted with prayer—

Members present, The Revd, Dr, James Power, & the Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Saml, Porter, Geo, Hill, Wm- Swan, Wm- Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird Jas, Adams, Wm- Wylie, Jas, Galbraith & Thos, Huntt –

Elders, Jno, Giffin, Robt, Wilson, Jno, Woods, Joseph Ogdon, Joseph Collins, James Guthrie, Wm- Smith, Ebenezer Finley, Saml, Morehead, & Jno, Hamilton.—

Absent—The Revd, Thos, Moore, Jacob Jennings, Joseph Stockton, & James Graham

The minutes of the two last meetings of P.B.y were read—

The Synod of Pittsburgh at their late meeting having altered a part of the line of division between the Presbyteries of Redstone & Erie, in such a manner as to embrace the Revd, Robt, McGarraugh & the Congregations under his care within the Presbytery of Erie, he is no longer considered a member of this Presbytery—

The Revd, Boyd Mercer a member of the Presbytery of Ohio &

the Revd, Robt, Mc,Garraugh a member of the Presbytery of Erie, were invited & took Seats as corresponding members—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had generally fulfilled their appointments—The Revd, Joseph Henderson,s reasons for not attending the last & some of the former meetings of Presbytery were sustained

The reasons given by the Revd, Dr, Power, & the Revd, Messrs, Porter, Speer, Hill, Laird, Adams, Guthrie, & Huntt for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery were sustained —

The Revd, Boyd Mercer of the Presbytery of Ohio applied for liberty to preach at Union-Town & Brownsville until he has fulfilled his existing engagement—with those people—

The Revd, Messrs, Henderson, Hill, & Speer were appointed a Committee to divide a number of books pamphlets & small tracts sent on by the Synod to be disposed among the members of Presbytery for their distribution—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9, o,Clock—

Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING 16*th*, *Oct*,

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment — Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of last session were read—

On motion resolved that the Presbytery cannot sanction the existing engagements between the Revd, Boyd Mercer & the people of Union-Town or those between him & the people of Brown,s-ville, because they were not made agreeably to the well known regulations of the Presbyterian Church by which they ought to be governed—

Presbytery ordered their Clerk to inform the people concerned in the above cases that they will approave of any supplies which may be obtained agreeably to the rules prescribed in the Constitution & principles of the Presbyterian Church

Contributions for the Missionary fund were recieved from the following Congregations—

	D C		D C
—Poke-run	3. 00	— Plumb Creek	4–00
—Congruity	7–31	— Ebenezer	2–25
—Sawickly	6–21	— Long-run	4–62
—Rehoboth	26–52	— Round-hill	11–56

And for the Commissioners fund from

	D C		D C
Tyrone	2–00	— Long-run	3. 49
Plumb-creek	3–76	— Poke-run	2. 00

Mr, David Lloyd applied to Presbytery for immediate licensure to preach the Gospel—

Presbytery after taking his case into consideration were of opinion that they could not consistently with the rules of their Church grant his request--

The Committee appointed to divide a quantity of books pamphlets & small Tracts--reported that they had divided a part of the books &c into several parcels to be distributed by the Revd, Messrs - Henderson, Hill, Speer, Swan, Wylie, Adams, & Guthrie,—The remainder were distributed among the members present—

Applications for supplies were made by the following vacant Congregations--viz Salem—Dunlaps-creek - Crossings—Glade-run—Redbank - Kittanning—Quemahoning - Somerset—Turky-foot—Union-Town—Morgan-town—Tygarts-Valley, & Pricket,s Settlement

Mr, Henderson was appointed to supply at Indianna one Sab,—Mr, Porter one at Somerset & one at Salem—Mr, Hill one at Salem-& one at discretion—Mr, Swan at Salem the last Sab of novbr—at Dunlap,s Creek 1st, Sab, of Aprile—Mr, Speer one at Quemahoning & one at discretion—

Mr, Laird one at Kittanning & one at discretion—

Mr, Adams at Tygarts-Valley two Sabbath,s—

Mr, Wylie one in Union-Town & one at discretion—Mr, Guthrie one at Dunlap,s-Creek & one at discretion—Mr, Herron at Dunlap,s-Creek the 3d, Sab, of novbr. & at Salem the 3d Sab, of december—Mr, Moore 2 Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Graham one at Kittaning & one at discretion—Mr, Galbraith 2 Sab,s at discretion—

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Commissioners fund --& also the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary fund, having through some inadvertency forgotten some of the documents necessary to enable them to make their reports were ordered to be ready to report at the next Spring meeting--

Mr, Stockton was appointed to open Presbytery at their next meeting—

Adjourned to meet in Greensburgh the third thursday of Aprile next— Concluded with prayer—

GREENSBURGH, *Aprile 21st*, 1812—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd, Saml, Porter from acts, 13- 26-

Members present—The Revd, Messrs Saml, Porter, Wm- Swan, Wm- Speer, Francis Herron, Wm- Wylie, James Graham, James Guthrie, James Galbraith & Thos, Huntt—

Elders, Benjamin Allsworth, Daniel Flemming, James Brady, Jno, Mc,Dowel, Jno, Cummings, Wm– Hill, Robert Robinson, Charles Porter sr –John Laisure––& Thos, Pollok––

Absent—The Revd, Dr, James Power, & the Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Thos, Moore, Jacob Jinnings, Geo, Hill, James Adams, Francis Laird & Joseph Stockton—

After prayer the minutes of last session were read – Messrs, Graham & Galbraith assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery which were sustained –

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their supplies except Mr, Graham whose reasons for not fulfilling his were sustained –

Those of the members present to whom were committed some books, pamphlets & small tracts stated that they had distributed a number of them & that some yet remained on hand Presbytery directed them to dispose of the remainder agreeably to a former order—

The Revd, Dr, Power appeared & his reasons for not comming sooner were sustained

Application was made by the Congregation of Indianna for one half of the labours of the Revd, James Galbraith for one year—

Mr, Galbraith requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Harmoney & the Trustees of sd, Congr— having informed Presbytery that they were unable to fulfil their contract with Mr, Galbraith & that they acquiesced in his request it was granted— And Mr, Galbraith having expressed a willingness to supply at Indianna the one half of his time for one year––the request of sd. Congr was also granted

Applications for supplies were received from the following Congrs— viz, Dunlaps-Creek, Little-Redstone & Glade-run––Recieved for the Missionary fund from Bethel & Ebenezer––D2–C85—

Mr, Moore came––& his reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery & coming sooner to this meeting were sustained—Collections for the Commissioners fund were received from the following Congregations –viz—

	D	C		D	C
Bethel & Ebenezer	2	81	Mount pleasant	2	25
Congruity	2	87	1st Presbyterian Congr P, B,	29	37
Rehoboth	1	86	Round-hill	1	94
Beulah	3	26	Laurel-Hill	2	00
Poke-run	1	50	2d Congr. Pittsburgh	3	95

Adjourned to meet to-(morrow) morning at nine O. clock –

Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING *22d, Aprl,*

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

A supplication for supplies & for two administrations of the Lords-Supper was presented by Salem Congregation—

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary fund—reported that they had examined the accounts up to the 20th, instant, & that there appears (to) be a ballance of D 20– C 65 in the hands of the Treasurer—The report was approved—

The Committee appointed to examine the accts, of the Treasurer of the Commissioners fund reported that they had examined sd, accts, & there appears a ballance of 35 cents in the hands of sd, Treasurer—

The report was approaved—& sd, Treasurer was ordered to pay the ballance into the hands of the present Treasurer of Commisrs– fund—

A petition was recieved from the Congregations of Tygarts Valley, & one from Middle-Town, requesting Presbytery to ordain Mr, Wm– Caldwell whom they represent as a minister of the Gospel—On conversing with Mr, Caldwell it appeared that he concieved he had recieved authority to preach from a certain society in Phillidelphia stiling themselves the Christian Church—

On motion resolved that the above petitions can not be granted as the Society by which he is said to be authorized to preach is not known to us, as a branch of the Church of Christ—Therefore we can not recognise him as a preacher of the Gospel—

The Revd, Wm–Swan produced a settlement with Sawickley by which it appears that sd, Congregations are indebted to him the sum of D 267– C 31 due upon the 15th nov, last—and a settlement with Long-run by which it appears that sd, Congr— stand indebted to him a ballance of D 131– C 40 due upon the same day—

Mr, Wylie presented a settlement with Rehoboth Congr. by which it appears that sd Congr— are indebted to him in a ballance of D 84– C 24 & a settlement with Roundhill Congr— by which it appeared that sd, Congr. stood indebted to him a balance of D 229– C 44 both due on the first of Jan, last—

Mr, Galbraith produced a settlement with Gilgal—by which it appears that sd, Congr– stood indebted to him in a ballance of D 124 C 74 due on the 9th of Oct—last—& a settlement with Harmoney by which it appeared that sd, Congregation stood indebted to (him) a ballance of D 169– cents 82—Mr, Huntt produced a settlement with the 2d. Congregation of Pittsburgh by which it appeared that sd, Congregation stood indebted to him a ballance of D 54– C 88– upon the first of this month

Mr. Porter produced a settlement with Congruity by which it appeared that sd. Congr— stood indebted to him a ballance of D 236–cents 53—

The Revd. Messrs. Swan & Graham were appointed a committee to prepare a communication to the Congrs. of Tygarts Valley & Middletown respecting Mr. Caldwell and report in the afternoon—

In order to enable the Commissioners to the next General Assembly to comply with the requisitions of that Body relative to the state of religion throughout the Churches—The members were severally called upon to give a narrative of the state of religion in Congrs. under their care

Presbytery approaved of the rule relative to ordination *sine titulo* submitted to their consideration by the last General Assembly—

Anual reports were recieved from the following Churches viz—

	Total in Communion Apl, 1811	Added since		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Totals in Communion	Baptized since		
		Uppon Examination	Uppon Certificate.					Adults	Infants	Total
Mount pleasant Congruity—										
Sawick &	72	2	2	1	1	.....	74	.....	9	9
Long-run	56	4	3	1	2		60		8	8
Greensburgh	43	1	.....	1	4		39	.....	4	4
Unity	119	7		1	4		121		8	8
Beulah	112	5	3		4		116		8	8
Rehoboth & Round-hill	182	3	3	1	3	3	181		18	18
Laurel-hill & Tyrone	242	8	3	2	5	1	245	1	28	29

The Committee appointed to prepare a communication to the Congrs. of Tygarts Valley & Middletown presented one which was adopted—The Revd. Thos. Huntt & Mr. Charles Porter elder were appointed to visit those Congregations & furnish them with a copy of the above communication & direct them as their circumstances may require & report to this Presbytery at their next meeting—

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o.clock—

Concluded with prayer—

THURSDAY MORNING *Aprl*, 23*d*—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of last session were read—

Uppon enquiry it appeared that the day appointed by the last Gen,

Assembly to be kept as a day of special prayer had been respected by the Congrs, under the care of this Presbytery—

The Revd, Messrs, Moore, Speer–& Herron with Mr. Joseph Baldrige Elder were appointed Commissrs, in behalf of this Presbytery to attend the next Gen, Assembly—

The Revd, Mr, Graham was appointed alternate to Mr, Speer in case of his non-attendance. The Clerk was ordered to furnish them with commissions—

The Commissioner from Salem Congregation requested liberty to apply for supplies to any Presbytery within the Synod of Pittsburgh which was granted for one year—

Messrs, Speer & Wylie with Mr, Brady elder were appointed a Committee to prepare a communication in answer to a request of Salem Congregation respecting the course they should pursue with persons who neglected the ordinances of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church that they might attend them in the Methodist Church—& with such as have held communion with them, & wish to continue it with us

Messrs, Swan, Graham, & Herron were appointed a committee to draft supplies—

The Commissioner from Dunlap,s Creek Congr—desired liberty to apply to the Presbytery of Ohio for supplies which was granted until the next Spring meeting of Presbytery–& the Clerk ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Committee appointed to draft supplies reported—which report was aproved & is as follows—

Mr Porter was appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Salem the 3d, Sab of May & to supply one Sabbath at discretion—Mr, Swan at Dunlaps-Creek the 2d, Sab. of Sep,—& to assist Mr, Porter in administering the Lords Supper the 3d, Sab of may—Mr, Hill at Unity the 4th Sab, of May & at Somerset the 2d Sab, of Sep,—Mr, Henderson one Sab, at Kittanning & one at Armagh—Mr, Wylie one at Dunlaps-Creek & at Union-Town the 2d, Sab, of Sep—Mr, Graham at Greensburgh the 3d, Sab, of may & at the 1st Congregation of Pittsbg 2d, Sab, of June—Mr, Guthrie at the Crossings the 1st Sab, of Sep, & one at discretion—Mr. Galbraith one Sab, at Glade-run & one at Cherry-run—Mr, Huntt at Tygarts Valley 2, Sabs & at Dunlaps-Creek the first Sab, of June—Mr, More at Quemahoning the 2d Sab of may—at Dunlaps-Creek 2 Sabbaths at armagh 2 Sabs, at Little Redstone one – one at Union-town & one at discretion—Mr, Adams the 1st, Sab, of Sep, at Turky-foot & the 2d, Sab of June at the Crossings—

Resolved that the members of this Presbytery who were appointed to take up Subscriptions for the Theological School extend their Subscriptions as far as practicable – that each member collect the monies

subscribed in his own Congregation as soon as may be—& that such Subscriptions as have been taken in vacant Congregations be collected by those by whom they have been procured—

The committee appointed to draft a communication to Salem Congregation presented one which was approved—& the Clerk ordered to furnish the Commissioner from sd. Congr with an attested copy—

Mr, Stockton was appointed to open the next stated meeting of Presbytery with a sermon—& if he should fail Mr Hill is to be his alternate—

On motion resolved that Messrs, Porter, Swan & Herron be a committee to enquire into the state of the fund for the (e)ducation of poor & pious Youth & report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery—

Presbytery agreed to meet at Mount-pleasant the 3d, tuesday of October next—

Adjourned to meet in Pittsburgh the 1st, tuesday of october next—
Concluded with prayer—

Approved thus far by the Synod
Attest Thomas Marquis Modr.

PITTSBURGH *Octbr 6th* 1812

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment Constituted with prayer—

Members present- The Revd, Messrs George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, Jas, Graham, Jas, Guthrie, & Thos, Hunt

Elders, Messrs, Charles Porter, Danl, Flemming, Adam Coon & Joseph Finley

Absent—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & the Revd, Messrs Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jinnings, Saml, Porter, Thos. More, Jas, Adams & Jas, Galbraith.

Mr, Charles Porter in behalf of the Congregations of Dunlaps Creek & Brownsville applied to this Presbytery for liberty to present a call to the Presbytery of Ohio for the Ministerial labours of Mr. Wm Johnston a licentiate under the care of sd Presbytery, which was granted

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant on the third tuesday of this month— Concluded with prayer—

MOUNT-PLEASANT *Octbr, 20th*, 1812

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by the Revd, Joseph Stockton with a sermon from Gal, 6th 9th—

was constituted with prayer—

Members present—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & The Revd, Messrs,

Saml. Porter. Geo, Hill, Wm Swan, Wm Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Jas, Adams. Jas. Graham, Joseph Stockton, Jas, Galbraith, & Thos, Huntt

Elders. John Vance, Benjamin Allsworth George Plummer, George Campbell, Andrew Allison & John Gwin, Absent The Revd, Messrs Jos, Henderson Jacob Jinnings Thos, More, Wm Wylie & James Guthrie—

The Revd. Jas, Graham was chosen Moderator & The Revd, Joseph Stockton Clerk for the ensuing year Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine O, Clock Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING *Octbr*, 21 1812

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd, Messrs, Hill, Laird, Adams & Stockton assigned reasons for absence from the last stated meeting of Presbytery which were sustained—

The Committee appointed to visit the Congregations of Tygarts Valley & Middletown reported, their report was approved & ordered to be filed amongst the papers of the Presbytery—And Presbytery further declared themselves highly gratified with the industry & fidelity manifested by sd Committee in the discharge of the duties embraced in their appointment—

The Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the ,,fund for the education of poor & pious youth,, not being prepared to report, were ordered to bring the business before the Synod of Pittsburgh at their next meeting

The General Assembly having authorised this Presbytery to appoint a Missionary for three months the Revd Thos, More was appointed for two months & the Revd Jas Adams for one month Missionaries to itinirate within the bounds of this Presbytery

Collections for the Commissioners fund were received from the following Congregations viz

	D C		D C
from Long-run	3. 12½	Sawickley	1–38
—— Union.....	1–25	—— For the same fund was paid to the Treasurer of the Gen, Assembly from	
	D C		D C
Indianna	3–00	Greensburgh & Unity.....	4 00

The Presbytery ordered that their members severally pay particular

attention to the injunction of the Gen, Assembly respecting the Commissioners fund.

The injunction of the Presbytery for extending the Subscriptions & collections of monies for the Theological School was continued.

Mr, Porter was appointed to supply two Sabbaths at discretion—Mr Hill one Sab at Somerset & one at Stoney creek—

Mr Swan two Sabbaths at discretion—

Mr, Speer one Sabbath at discretion & one at Somerset—Mr, Herron one Sab, at discretion—

Mr, Laird two Sabbaths at discretion—

Mr, Stockton two Sabbaths at discretion—

Mr Graham two Sabbaths at discretion

Mr Galbraith two Sabbaths at Glade run—

Mr Wylie two Sabbaths at discretion—

Mr Guthrie one Sab, at Turky foot & one at the Crossings—

Mr, Huntt one Sabbath at discretion—

An application was presented from the Congregations of Tygarts Valley, requesting this Presbytery to licence Mr, Wm- Caldwell to preach the Gospel—Presbytery being fully convinced, after some attention to the subject, that they could not grant the request of sd, Congrs, gave them leave to withdraw it —

Mr, Hill was appointed to preach a sermon at the next meeting of the Presbytery & Mr, Swan his alternate—

Adjourned to meet at Salem on the third tuesday of aprile next—

Concluded with prayer—

Salem *Aprl. 20th*, 1813

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon from Jno 3–20 by Mr Wm Johnston a Licentiate under the care of the PBy of Ohio Constituted with prayer—

Members present,—The Revd, Messrs, Saml, Porter, Wm- Swan, Wm- Speer, Thos, More, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Wm- Wylie Jas, Guthrie, Jas, Galbraith & Thos, Huntt—

Elders, Messrs, Jno, Shields, Danl, Flemming, Jno, Taylor, Michael Finley, Joseph Morehead, Nathaniel Hurst, Ebenezer Finley, John Barnet & Patrick Jack—Absent The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & the Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Geo, Hill, Jas, Adams, Joseph Stockton, & Jas, Graham, The Revd Jacob Jinnings was removed by death upon the 17th of feb, last,

The moderator being absent the last years moderator took the chair After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read—

The Revd, Dr, Dunlap forwarded a dismission from the Presbytery

of Ohio, & made application by letter to be recieved a member of this Presbytery Presbytery after deliberating on the subject agreed to postpone the further consideration of it until their next meeting, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to write to Dr, Dunlap upon this subject.

The Revd Robt Lee a member of the Presbytery of Erie produced a dismission from sd, Presbytery & expressed a desire to become a member of this Presbytery which was granted—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine O, clock—

Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING *Apl*, 21*st* 1813

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—

Members present as above— After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd, Jas, Graham came & his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Jas, Cooper an Elder from the first Presbyterian Congr, of Pittsburg attended at this time.

Mr, Wm. Johnston a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio having recieved a call from the Congregations of Brownsville & Dunlaps creek within the bounds of this Presbytery & expressed a desire to be taken under the care of this Presbytery which was granted

Collections for the Commissioners fund were recieved from the following Congregations viz–

	D	C		D	C
from Fairfield	2	00	—Donegal	1	00
—— Poke-run	2	00	—Laurel-hill	2	00
—— The 2d Congr of Pittsbg	3	87½	—Bethel	3	09
—— Dunlaps-creek	2	00	—Salem	4	25
—— Beulah	5	60	—Congruity	3	62
—— Sawickley	1	52½	—Long-run	2	60

A call for the pastoral labours of the Revd Robt Lee was presented by the Congregation of Salem & put into his hands of which after some deliberation he declared his acceptance— A letter was recieved from the Revd Robt Patterson accompanied with his dismission from the Presbytery of Erie & containing a request ,,to be recognised as a member of this Presbytery,,, The Presbytery after deliberating on the difficulties relative to granting Mr, Pattersons request arising from his being deeply engaged in secular business, thought proper to refer the case to the Synod of Pittsburgh at their next meeting for advice & direction but do not object to his continuing, in the meantime his ministrations as formerly amongst those people with whom he has been

sometime connected— The Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr, Patterson with a copy of this minute

The Revd, Messrs, Speer, Herron, & Graham were appointed Commissioners to the next Gen, Assembly & were furnished with Commissions

The Revd, Messrs, Hill, Herron & Galbraith were appointed a Committee to install the Revd, Robert Lee in the Congregation of Salem to meet in sd Congr the last tuesday of august next— Mr, Galbraith was appointed to preach a sermon on the occasion & Mr, Herron to preside & give the charge.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr, Wm— Johnston uppon his experimental acquaintance with religion & also uppon theology & the languages & agreed to sustain his examination upon the above subjects as parts of trial for ordination, & appointed him to preach from 2 Cor, 3, 18th at their next meeting preparatory to his ordination

Mr, Wylie was appointed to preach a sermon on the occasion & Mr Herron to preside & give the charge.

Mr, Porter was appointed to supply one Sab, at Kittanning & the 4th, Sab of may at Greensburgh— Mr, Swan one Sab, at Beulah, & at Unity the 5th Sab, of may

Mr. More one Sab at Wheatfield & one at Quemahoning Mr, Laird one Sab, at discretion, & the 3d, Sab of may in the first Congr, of Pittsburgh— Mr, Wylie the first Sab, of June in the first Congr. of Pittsburgh & one Sab, in Uniontown— Mr, Guthrie two Sabbaths at the Crossings— Mr, Galbraith two Sabbaths at Glade-run— Mr, Huntt two Sabbaths at Lemmons— Mr, Hill one Sabbath at Quemahoning & one at Somerset— Mr. Adams two Sab,s in Tygarts-Valley— Mr, Stockton one Sabbath at Beulah & one at discretion— Mr, Lee one Sabbath at Cherry-run & one at Kittaning— Mr, Johnston one Sabbath at Uniontown & one at Somerset—

Reports were recieved from the following Churches

viz–	Total in Communion 1812	Members added		Died.	Dismissed	Suspended	Total in Communion	Baptized since		
		On examination	By Certifct					Adults	Infants	Total
Long-run	60	3	2	2	2	.....	61	.....	8	8
Sawickley	74	.....	.....	1	3		.....	.....	6	6
Laurel-hill										
Tyrone										
Unity	121	10	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	15	16
Greensburgh	39	4	5	3	7	1	37	.....	9	9
Indianna	35	.....	.....	2	2		31	2	15	17
Gilgal	33	1	.....	2		.....	30	2	15	17
2d Congr– of Pittsbg,	54	7	9	.....	7	.....	63	1	22	23

Mr, Swan produced a settlement with Long-run by which it appeared that sd, Congr— are indebted to him in the sum of one hundred & thirty dollars & fourteen & a half cents –

Mr, Swan also produced a settlement with Sawickly Congr by which it appears that said Congr— are indebted to him in the sum of two hundred & sixty eight dollars & seventeen cents—

Mr, Wylie produced a settlement with Round hill Congr— by which it appears that sd Congr stood indebted to him in the sum of two hundred & eighty seven dollars & eleven cents

Mr, Graham produced a settlement with Beulah Congr— by which it appeared that sd, Congr— were indebted a ballance of five hundred & fifty three dolls. & eighty seven cents

Mr Guthrie produced a settlement with Tyrone Congr. by which it appeared that sd Congr— stood indebted to him a ballance of Seventy dollars & twenty nine cents

Mr, Galbraith produced a settlement with the Congr— of Indianna by which it appeared that sd, Congr— stood indebted to him in a ballance of forty seven dolls,

Mr, Swan requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself & the Congr, of Sawickley—

The Presbytery ordered that the Congr— of Sawickley appear by Commissrs— before this Presbytery at their next meeting to shew cause if they have any why Mr, Swan,s request shall not be granted—

The Stated Clerk was required to furnish them with a copy of this minute—

An application was made by the Congr— of Indianna for one-half of the ministerial labours of the Revd, Jas Galbraith for one year which was granted –

Adjourned to meet at Dunlaps-creek on the third tuesday of Oct, next—

Concluded with prayer—

Approved thus far by Synod—

Attest— Francis Herron Mod—

Dunlaps creek *Oct*, 19*th* 1813

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Mr, Johnston on the subject assigned him at their last meeting— Constituted with prayer.

Members present—The Revd, Dr, Jas, Power & the Revd. Messrs, Wm-Swan, Francis Herron, Wm-Wylie, Jas, Adams, & Jas, Guthrie—Elders, Messrs, Jas, Caldwell Alex, Irwin, Benjm Laughead, Jas, Allen, Charles Porter, & Robt, Highland—

Absent the Revd. Messrs, Jos, Henderson, Saml, Porter, Geo, Hill, Wm-Speer, Thos, Moore, Francis Laird Jas, Graham, Jos, Stockton, Robt, Lee, Jas, Galbraith & Thos, Huntt,—

Mr, Swan was chosen Moderator & Mr, Herron clerk for the ensuing year—

The Revd. Dr. Jas, Dunlap, applied in person to be recieved as a member of this Presbytery & having forwarded a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Ohio, he was recieved—

The minutes of the last sessions were read—

The members present have generally fulfilled their appointments.

The Synod of Pittsburgh to whom was refered the case of the Revd, Robt, Patterson, not having given any decision in sd, case it was taken up, upon the personal application of Mr, Patterson & after some deliberation on the subject, Presbytery agreed to recieve him as a member—

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr, Johnston & agreed to sustain it as a part of trial—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o,clock—

Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY *Oct.* 20*th*

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—

Members present as above—

After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read—

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr, Johnston upon ecclesiastical history, the constitution, discipline & government of the Church, & his answers were sustained as parts of trial—

The Revd, Boyd Mercer, a member of the Presbytery of Ohio, being present, was invited & took his seat as a corresponding member,—

The committee appointed to install the Revd, Mr, Lee, in his charge, reported that they had attended to that business—

The Presbytery having recieved satisfaction of Mr, Johnston as to his ministerial qualifications, proceeded to his ordination, & he having answered the questions proposed to Candidates on such occasions, & adopted to the standards of our Church, was set apart, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, & was installed as pastor of the united Congrs, of Dunlaps-Creek & Brownsville—

The Gen, Assembly having authorized this Presbytery to appoint a missionary for three months The Revd, Thos, More was appointed

for two months & the Revd Jas, Adams for one month, missionarys, to itinirate on missionary ground within the bounds of this Presbytery—

The following sums were transmitted to the Commissioners fund—from the 1st Presbyterian Congr of Pittsburgh 26 doll- 50 cents—from Rehoboth & Roundhill—5,00 dolls

Mr, Swan informed the Presbytery that some of the causes which induced him to request a dismission from the Cong—of Sawickly were removed & that he desired to withdraw sd, request which was granted—

Mr, Patterson was appointed to open Presbytery at their next meeting with a sermon—

Adjourned to meet at Long-run on the third tuesday of Aprile next—

Concluded with prayer—

Long-run-Church *Aprl, 19th,* 1814

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment-& was opened with a sermon by the Revd, Robt, Patterson on ps, 28-2

After prayer it appeared that the following members were present, the Revd Drs, James Power, & Jas, Dunlap, & the Revd Messrs, Wm-Swan, Wm Speer, Francis Herron, Wm-Wylie Jas, Graham, Robt, Patterson, Jas, Guthrie, Jas, Galbraith Thos, Huntt, & Wm-Johnston,

Elders John Neil, Jas, Cowan, Jas, Brady, Leuellen Howel, Charles Carothers John Moss, John Shaw Moses Dunham, Peter Wallace & Wm-Armstrong—

Absent—The Revd Messrs Jos, Henderson, Saml, Porter, Geo, Hill, Thos, More, Robt, Lee Jas, Adams, Francis Laird, & Joseph Stockton—

The minutes of the last sessions were read.

The Revd Robt, Lee came & his reasons for not comming sooner were sustained - The Revd, Messrs, Wm-Speer, Robt, Lee, Jas, Graham & Thos, Huntt gave reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery which were sustained

Mr, Galbraith gave reasons for not attending at the instalment of Mr, Lee which were sustained—

Applications for supplies were recieved from the following vacant Congrs,—Upper Plumb-creek, Glade, run, Tygarts-Valley Kittanning. Crossings, Quemahoning, Cherry-run, Somerset & Morgantown—

A letter was recieved from the Revd, Joseph Stockton stating his reasons for not attending the present meeting of the Presbytery & also requesting permission to preach at or near the mouth of Pine creek & at allegheny town—After some attention to the request the Presbytery thought it out of order to grant it—

The Revd, Francis Laird appeared & assigned reasons for not comming sooner & for not attending the last meeting of the Presbytery which were sustained—

The Revd Messrs. Swan, Herron, Galbraith & Johnston with Mr. James B. Clough, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly—& were furnished with commissions—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o.clock Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning *Aprl. 20th*

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

The Revd. Thos. More appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, & for not attending the last meeting of the Presbytery, & for not fulfilling the missionary appointment made for him at that time, which were sustained—

Mr. More applied for a dismission from this Presbytery in order to connect himself with the Presbytery of Lancaster & he is hereby dismissed—Ordered that Mr, More be furnished with a copy of this minute certified by the Clerk—

Dr, Power was appointed to supply at Sawickly at discretion—Dr, Dunlap two Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Speer at Long-run the 5th Sab, of may & at Somerset the 2d Sab, of September—Mr, Wylie at Brownsville the 4th, Sab, of May & at Dunlaps creek the 1st Sab, of june Mr, Laird at the 1st, Congr, of Pittsburgh the 3d, Sab, of May & one Sab, at discretion Mr, Patterson two Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Huntt at Kittanning the 1st, Sab, of September & one Sab, at discretion—

Mr, Guthrie at the Crossings two Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Lee at Kittanning two Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Henderson at Indianna 1st, Sab, of June, & at Upper Plumb-creek at discretion—Mr, Hill at Gilgal 1st, Sab, of June & one Sab, at Morgantown at discretion—Mr, Porter two Sab,s at discretion—Mr, Graham at the 1st, Congr, in Pittsburgh 5th Sab of May & one Sab, at discretion—

Mr, Stockton two Sabbaths at discretion—

Mr, Jacob, Nitts having formerly by letter & now in person applied to the Presbytery for direction, to the Session of Fairfield Congr, to take up his case & bring it to an issue—the Presbytery recommended that the Session of sd, Congr attend to that business as soon as convenient—

Ordered that the Session be furnished by the Clerk with a copy of the above minute—

Whereas the question whether Presbyteries can regularly proceed to ordination *sine titulo* without consulting a higher Judicature has been lately agitated in the Gen, Assembly & as a variety of opinion—has

existed thereon, among the ministers of the Presbyterian Church, the Gen, Assembly have directed the Presbyteries to send up the expression of their opinions on this subject in writing that a constitutional decission may be had on the point in question; whereupon the Presbytery after serious deliberation decided in the negative on the proposed rule—

Dr, Jas, Power, & the Revd Messrs, Wm · Swan, Wm—Speer, Wm—Wylie, & Thos, More entered their dissent to the foregoing decision—

The Committee appointed by the Synod of Pittsbg, for the purpose of examining & dividing the funds in the possession of the Presbytery of Ohio for the education of poor & pious youth stated to the presbytery that they had attended to that business, & in consequence of the division of sd, funds were in possession of vouchers to the amount of eighty pounds; fifteen shillings & six pence—

On motion resolved that the Revd, Messrs, Herron & Huntt be a Committee to take charge of the above monies, when recovered, & vest them in some productive fund, untill there may be occasion for them—

Upon request of Mr, Speer the Revd, Messrs. Graham & Patterson, with Mr. Brady Elder, were appointed a committee to audit his accounts relative to the collections & disbursements for the Theological School, & report as soon as convenient—

The Revd, Dr, Dunlap, & the Revd, Messrs. More & Wylie, with Messrs, Brady, Shaw, & Howel Elders, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the present sessions—

Collections for the Comsrs, fund were recd, from Lower Plumb-

—creek—for last year.....	4–33	—Round hill.....	5–10
—Rehoboth	4–64	—L-Plumb, Cr	4–82½
—Poke-run.....	3–82½	—Congruity	4–70
—Highlands	7–10	—Salem	4–00
—2d, Congr, Pittsb,g	11–57	—Laurel hill	3–84
—Mount pleasant for 2 years	7–78	—Dunlap Cr—.....	4–70
—Brownsville.....	12–16½		

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o,clock—

Concluded with prayer—

THURSDAY MORNING *Aprl, 21st* 1814

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment— Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

Collections from the following Congregations were transmitted to the

D C D C
Gen, Assembly for last year —from Greensburgh 4–43— Indiana 3–20,
D C
Unity 6–00

Dr, Power produced a settlement with Mount-pleasant Congr— by which it appeared that sd, Congr, were indebted to him, the sum of dolls cents
378–63 due upon the 12th, of Aprl, last — Mr, Swan produced a settlement with Long-run & one with Sawickly, by which it appeared that the former was indebted to him 101 dolls 28½ cents & the latter 109 dolls 79 cents both due on the 20th, of Apr,l last—

Mr, Wylie produced a settlement with Round-hill Congr by which
doll cents
it appeared that sd, Congr— were indebted to him 181–16 due upon the 1st, of Jan, last—

Mr, Galbraith produced a settlement with Indianna Congr— & one with Gilgal by which it appeared that the former was in debt to him
D C
58–43 on the 18th. of aprl last – & the latter 91–24 on the 16th of aprl last—

Anual reports were recd, from the following Churches viz.

	Total in Communion per last report	Added since		Died	Dismissed.	Suspended	Total in Communion	Baptized since L. report—		
		On Examinat'n	by Certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Long-run	61	1	3	1	3	.....	61	.....	9	9
Sawickley	70	6	.....	3	1	.....	72	.....	12	12
1st Congr, Pittsbg, Rehoboth &	70	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	22	22
Round-hill Laurel hill &	162	4	.....	3	3	.....	160	.....	21	21
Tyrone	200	11	.....	3	6	.....	202	4	34	38
Beulah—	116	18	14	7	10	1	130	.....	30	30
Highland in 1809—	44	18	.....	4	4	.....	54	4	45	49
Gilgal—	30	4	.....	2	.....	.....	32	.....	10	10
Indianna—	31	4	5	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	26	26

On motion resolved that this Presbytery approve of the general principles contained in the report of the Committee of the Genl, Assembly on the subject of disciplining baptized children—

Ordered that the monies due on subscription to the Theological School be collected & forwarded to the agents of the Genl, Assembly at the next Stated meeting of Presbytery & likewise that the ministers

of such Congrs. as have not attended to that business take order for carrying such subscriptions into effect—

On motion resolved that a Committee be appointed to meet in Pittsburgh on the 3d. Tuesday of may next. for the purpose of conferring with the Revd, Joseph Stockton. & collecting information on some points affecting the discipline and good order of the Church in his care; & that the Revd, Messrs Laird, Graham, & Wylie, be the Committee, & they are hereby authorized. if need be to cite Mr, Stockton & others to appear before Presbytery at their next meeting

The Presbytery agreed to meet in Greensburgh on the 3d tuesday of Octbr, next—Mr, Johnston was appointed to open the meeting with a sermon—

Adjourned to meet in the 2d, Presbyterian Church in Pittsb,g, the 4th. tuesday of June next—Mr, Lee to open the P.b.y with a sermon—

Concluded with prayer—

The 2d, Presbyterian Church Pitts,bg *June 28th*, 1814

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment & was opened by the Revd, Robt, Lee with a sermon from Mat, 5, 18th—

After prayer it appeared that the following members were present—The Revd Messrs Francis Laird. Francis Herron, James Graham, Joseph Stockton Robt. Lee, James Galbraith. Robt. Patterson. & Thos, Huntt,—

Elders. James Cooper. Thos. Wilson. Jos. McCullough. & Allen Means,—

Absent. the Revd Drs. James Power & James Dunlap, & the Revd. Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Saml. Porter, Wm— Swan, Wm— Speer, Geo, Hill, James Adams. Wm—Wylie, James Guthrie. & Wm—Johnston.

The Moderator being absent the Revd. James Graham. the Moderator for the last year took the chair --

The Revd, Robt, Lee was chosen Moderator pro. tem.—

The minutes of the last sessions were read—

The Revd, Joseph Stockton assigned reasons for absence at former meetings of the Presbytery which were sustained—

The Committee appointed to confer with the Revd. Joseph Stockton on certain points affecting the good order & discipline of the Church in his care, & for collecting information on sd, points reported,—that they had met & confered with Mr. Stockton on the following points—viz

1st Respecting his having vindicated private baptism—

2d Respecting dining abroad with parties on the Sabbath —

3d Playing at Backgammon or Chess —

4th—Baptizing a child for Mr. Conwell in the Borough of Pittsb,g —he not being a member of the Presbyterian Church.

5th Advocating Theatrical exhibitions, balls, & the Circus—

Mr, Stockton in conference with the Committee, declared that he had not advocated what is properly called private baptism & that in general cases he had recommended the celebration of that ordinance in the presence of the Church & in the house of worship, & that in cases where the Subject could not conveniently be brought before the church, the ordinance should not be celebrated but in presence of the Session—

Mr Stockton acknowledged that he had baptized a child for Mr, Cromwell, which was apparently at the point of death, but denied that he had dined abroad with any party or parties on the Sabbath, or that he had played at Backgammon or either directly or indirectly, advocated balls or dancing, & that he had decidedly spoken against all Theatrical exhibitions & the Circus—

Mr, Stockton further stated that he had occasionally in conversation with some of the inhabitants of the Borough of Pittsburgh, & in order to maintain neutral ground upon a subject which agitated some of the members of the Churches in that place presented the arguments both for & against the administration of the ordinance of baptism, in private houses, in the presence of the Session, from which it might have been infered that he was in favour of the practice—

The Committee after paying such attention to collecting information upon the aforesaid points as they thought consistant with their duty—report that they could not obtain any information tending to the establishment of either of those points except yt, of baptism performed in private families—

On motion Resolved that the report of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr, Stockton on some points affecting the discipline and good order of the Church &c—be adopted & that Mr, Stockton acknowledge before the Presbytery his determination to exercise a regular discipline agreeably to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church & in unison with his brethren & that he will decidedly manifest a disapprobation of all fashionable vices—

Applications were made by Alleghany town & Pine-Creek Societies, for the ministerial labours of Mr, Stockton, until the next meeting of the Presbytery—which were granted—

Adjourned to meet in Greensburgh on the 3d. tuesday of Octb.r next— — Concluded with prayer—

Examined and approved generally thus far by the Synod.

Attest Wm—Wylie Modtr,

Names of vacant Congregations

Kittaning
Saltsburgh
Saweekly
Mount pleasant settled 1821
Wheatfield
Donegal
Warren
Glade Run settled
Salem—supplied Nov. 1822
West Sawickley
Salt Lick valey
Middletown
North Sawickly
Crossings
Salt lick valey

Kittaning
Warren
Saltsburgh
Harmony
Long-run
Mckeesport
Fairfield Ligonier & Donegal
Uniontown & Union
Ebenezar & Bethel
Middletown
Salt Lick

April 1819

1 James Power D. D.		
2 Joseph Henderson	Ebenezer & Bethel	2
3 Samuel Porter Died Sept. 23 1825	Congruity	1
4 George Hill - died June 9 1822	Fairfield & Ligoneer	2
5 William Swan	Long-Run	1
6 William Speer	Greensburh & Unity	2
7 Francis Herron×	1st. Presbn. Church Pittsburgh	×
8 Francis Laird	Plumb creek & Poke-run	2
9 Joseph Stockton×	Alegany & Pine creek	—
10 Robert Lee×dismissed Aprile 1822	Salem vacated 1829	1
11 William Wylie dismissed 1823	Union Town	1
12 Robert Patterson×	Highlands	×
13 Robert Johnston	Rehoboth & Roundhill	2
14 James Graham	Beulah	1

15 James Gutherie		Laurel-hill & Tyrone	2
16 William Johnston		Brownsvill & Dunlaps creek	2
17 John Ross dismissed 1819		Somerset	1
18 Ashbel G. Fairchild		Morgan Town & Georges Ck G-burgh	3
19 John Reed		Indiana & Gilgal	2
20 Asa Brooks		French creek & Buchannon	2
21 Elisha P Swift×		2d Presbn Church Pittsburgh	×
22 Aretas Loomas	cut off	Tagarts Valey 2 Congns.	32
23 David Ba(r)clay		HarmonyLower Plumb ck & Glade run	3
24 Andrew O Patterson		Saweekley & Mount Pleasant	2/3
25 John Andrews×			
26 Thomas Davis		Salem & West Union	
		vacant	7

GREENSBURGH *October 18th*, 1814

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment – Constituted with prayer— Members present—The Revd, Dr, James Power, & the Revd, Messrs, Samuel Porter, William Swan, William Speer, Joseph Stockton, Francis Laird, Robt, Lee, William Wylie, James Graham, Robt, Patterson, James Galbraith, Thos, Huntt, & Wm-- Johnston—

Elders, Messrs, Danl, Flemming, Jas Brady, Charles Porter, Benjamin Allsworth, John Vance, & Michael Rough— Absent--The Revd, Dr, James Dunlap, & the Revd, Messrs, Joseph Henderson, Geo, Hill, Francis Herron, James Adams, & James Guthrie—

The Revd, Robt, Patterson was chosen Moderator, & the Revd, Joseph Stockton Clerk for the ensueing year— The Revd Samuel Porter assigned reasons for absence at the three last meetings of the Presbytery which were sustained—

The Revd, Messrs, Swan, Speer, Wylie, & Johnston, assigned reasons for absence at the late intermediate meeting of the Presbytery which were sustained— On enquiry it appeared that the members had generally fulfilled their appointments; such as had not, assigned reasons which were sustained The Committee appointed by the Synod of Pittsburgh on behalf of this Presbytery to examine & divide the funds for the education of ,,poor & pious youth,, gave into the Committee entrusted by P.B.y with the charge of said monies ,,vouchers

dolls

& money to the amount of 215—43 cents— On motion resolved that the Committee be directed to take such measures for the collection of the monies due as prudence may direct— The Presbytery took into consideration an appeal brought up by Mr, Wm— Flin from the Session of Mount pleasant— The appellant alleging he had new evidence & light to present upon the subject with respect to the first charge— Resolved that it be recommended to said Session to open their judgment

with respect to that particular charge, and recieve any new evidence & light the appellant may have to offer. The following sums for the Commissioners fund were paid to the Treasurer of the last Gen, Assembly

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—viz, by Gilgal & Harmony 7, 49 cents & by the 1st, Presbyterian Church in Pittsbg, 30—00—

Collections for the Commissioners fund were recieved viz, from Long-

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run 3-90 & —from Sawickley—2-36—

Resolved that the Session of Fairfield take up the case of Mr, Jacob Nitts, heretofore delayed, & issue it before the next meeting of the Presbytery—

The Clerk was ordered to furnish Sd. Session with a copy of this minute—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9, O,clock

—Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING *19th Oc,t* 1814

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment— Constituted with prayer— Members present as above—

Mr. Andrew Kincaid an Elder from Salem Congr came & assigned reasons for not coming sooner which were sustained—

The Revd. Wm— Johnston who was appointed to open the present meting of the Presbytery preached last evening from 2 Cor, 3d, & 17th—

On motion resolved, that the Standing Committee of this Presbytery be directed to employ a missionary or missionaries for the term of three months, ,Under the authority granted by the Gen, Assembly, to itinirate principally within the Southern boundaries of this Presbytery—

The Revd, Wm— Swan was appointed to supply one Sab, at the 2d, Congr, in Pittsburgh - & one at Union—

—Mr, Speer two Sabbaths at discretion—

—Mr, Laird two Sabbaths at discretion—

—Mr, Stockton two Sabbaths at discretion—

—Mr, Lee two Sabbaths at Kittanning—

—Mr, Wylie one Sabbath at the 2d Congregation in Pittsburgh & one Sabbath at discretion—

—Mr, Patterson two Sabbaths at discretion—

—Mr, Graham one Sabbath in the 2d, Congregation in Pittsburgh, & one at discretion—

—Mr, Galbraith one Sab, at Glade-run & one at Upper Plumb-creek—

- Mr, Johnston one Sab, at Mason-town & one at at Sandy-creek—

Mr, Hill one Sabbath at Quemahoning & one at Somerset—
Mr, Herron two Sabbaths at discretion—
Mr, Guthrie one Sabbath at Sandy-creek & one at the Crossings—

The Presbytery granted the Congr— of Kittaning liberty to apply to the Presbytery of Erie for supplies

Mr, Stockton was appointed a stated supply for Six months at Alleghany-town & Pine-creek Congrs,

Mr, Adams appeared and assigned reasons for not attending sooner & also for absence from the last meeting of the Presbytery which were sustained

Mr, Adams applied for liberty to resign the pastoral charge of the Congr— of Union—& also for a dismission from this Presbytery that he might join the Presbytery of Lancaster— The P.B.y having recieved satisfactory evidence that the Congr of Union consented that Mr, Adams should obtain a dismission –dismissed him from sd. charge & from this Presbytery & recommended him as a member in good standing—

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the third tuesday of Aprile next—
—Concluded with prayer—

Congruity *Apr,l* 18*th* 1815

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—and was opened by the Revd, Francis Herron with a Sermon from Gal, 3d, 24th— After prayer it appeared that the following members were present viz,—
—The Revd Jas, Power, D–D– & the Revd Messrs, Saml, Porter, Wm Swan, Wm—Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron Robt, Lee, Wm—Wylie, Robt, Patterson, James Graham, James Guthrie, James Galbraith, Thos, Huntt & Wm Johnston —— Elders Jno, McCall, Jno, Shields, Danl, Flemming, Jno Taylor, Charles Carothers, Jas, Semple, Patrick Watson, Jno, Blythe, Wm McWhiston, Geo, Campbell Wm—Finley & Wm—Guthrie—— Absent—The Revd, Dr, James Dunlap, & the Revd Messrs, Joseph Henderson, George Hill & Joseph Stockton— The Clerk being absent the Revd, Jas, Galbraith was chosen Clerk pro, tem,

Mr, Herron assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery—and Mr, Guthrie assigned reasons for absence from the two last meetings of Presbytery all which were sustained—

On enquiry it appeared that the members had fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs, Swan Laird, Patterson, Guthrie & Wylie (in one instance) whose reasons for not fulfilling theirs were sustained

Mr, Hill came & assigned reasons for not coming sooner & for absence from the five last meetings of the Presbytery which were sustained – Mr. Hill fulfilled his appointments except in one case for which his reasons were sustained— The Congr of Kittanning requested liberty to apply to the P.B.y of Erie for supplies which was granted—

Applications for supplies were recieved from the following Congregations viz, Kittanning— Sandy-creek glades, Glade-run, Plumb-creek, Quemahoning, Somerset, & Masontown—

An application was recieved from the town of Alleghany for the ministerial labours of the Revd Joseph Stockton as a Stated Supply for one half of his time & another from Pine-creek Congregation for one third of his time, both which were granted—

The case of Mr. Jacob Nitts brought before the Presbytery last aprile, was called up, & an accommodation was recommended to Mr. Hill, the Moderator of Fairfield Session, & to Mr. Nitts (both being present) which took place in a satisfactory manner Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o.clock—

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning 19*th April*, 1815

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment

Members present as above— After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read— On motion resolved that the Committee to whom the fund for the education of ,,poor & pious youth,, is intrusted be directed to take proper measures for making it secure & productive—

Dr, Power, Moderator, of the Session of Mount pleasant gave such reasons for not attending any further to the case of Mr. Flinn as completely satisfied the Presbytery—

The Standing Committee of the Presbytery Reported that they had not been able to obtain a missionary for any part of the three months authorised

The order to the Standing Committee to employ a missionary for the three months was renewed –

The Revd, Wm— Wylie was chosen a member of the Standing Committee instead of Dr. Jas Power, resigned—

A very pleasing communication was recieved from the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society relative to the anxiety manifested by Cornplanter,s Indians to obtain Missionary & literary instructions—

Resolved that it be recomended to the members of the Presbytery severally, to make proper exertions to obtain contributions for promo-

ting the objects of the Society—especially with respect to those Indians, & that sd, contributions be presented at the next meeting of the Synod—

The Revd Messrs, Wylie, Guthrie, & Huntt with Messrs, Thos, Davis & Joseph Baldridge Elders were appointed Commissioners to the next Gen, Assembly—

A collection of Six dolls. for the missionary fund was recieved from the Congregation of Unity—

Dr, Power was appointed to supply on the 2d, Sabbath of May, at Tyrone
Mr, Porter at Rehoboth the 3d, Sabbath of may
Mr, Hill two Sabbaths at Quemahoning—
Mr, Swan the 4th Sab, of May at Round-hill & one Sabbath at discretion—
Mr, Laird 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Mr, Speer one Sab, at Somerset & one at discretion
Mr, Herron one Sab, in the pulpit of Mr, Law (who is appointed on a mission) & one at discretion—
Mr, Stockton one Sab, for Mr, Law, & one at discretion
Mr, Lee two Sabbaths at Kittanning—
Mr, Patterson one Sab, for Mr, Law & one in the 2d Presbyterian Congregation in Pittsburgh—
Mr, Graham one Sab, for Mr, Law & one in the 2d Presbyterian Congregation in Pittsburgh—
Mr, Galbraith 2 Sabbaths at Glade-run —
Mr, Johnston one Sab, at Laurel-hill & one at Sandy-creek-glades—

Messrs, Herron & Graham were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Commissioners fund—

Collections for the Commissioners fund were recieved from the following Congregations viz—

	D	C		D	C
from Mount pleasant	4	12½	—Congruity	3	75
—— Long-run	5	37½	—Sawickley	2	92
—— Plumb-creek	4	25	—Poke-run	2	25
—— 1st Congr. Pittsburgh	30	00	—Salem	5	02
—— Rehoboth & Round-hill	7	29	—Bulah	4	10
—— Unity for 2 years	6	00	— Highlands	5	00
—— Tyrone for 2 years	3	50	—Laurelhill	3	00
—— Donegal for 2 years	2	00	— Indianna	5	00

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Commissioners fund reported that they had examined sd, accts, & found them kept with accuracy & that the monies recieved by sd, Treasurer amounted to 326 dolls, 22C— & the disbursements made by him amounted to 326 D, 55 C— Reports were recieved from the following Churches viz

Names of Churches	Total in Comm per last report	Added since		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total in Communion	Baptised		Total
		On Examin	by Certificate					Adults	Infants	
Long-run.....	61	6	2	1	.....	.....	68	.....	18	18
Sawickley	72	.....	1	1	2	.....	70	.....	9	9
Rehoboth&Round-h'l	160	4	7	1		.....	170	.....	12	12
Laurel-Hill & Tyrone	202	12	.....	4	13	.....	197	.....	18	18
Highlands	54	9	2	1	3	.....	61	.....	11	11
Unity for 2 years	127	20	11	5	8	1	144	5	31	36
Greensburgh for 2 yrs	37	5	5	3	8	1	35	1	10	11
Indianna	40	5	4	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	12	12
Gilgal	32	4	.....	2	.....	.....	34	.....	8	8
Dunlaps-creek	.....	10	6	3	10	.....	75	1	11	12
Browns-ville	.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	24	2	11	13

Dr, Power produced a settlement with Mount-pleasant Congregation by which it appeared that sd, Congr— are indebted to him in a bal-
doll
lance of 260–15 cents

Mr, Swan produced one with Sawickly by which it appeared that
dolls
sd, Congr— is indebted to him in Sum of 40–72 cents — due uppon the 15th of nov, 1814— and Mr, Swan produced-one with Long-run Congr by which it appeared that sd, Congr— were indebted to him
dolls
in the sum of 81–67½ cents due the 15th of nov, 1814—

Mr, Porter produced one with Congruity by which it appeared that
dolls
sd Congr — were indebted to him in the sum of 120–64 cents due on the 1st, inst,—

Mr, Galbraith produced a settlement with Indianna Congr— & one with Gilgal—by which it appeared that the former was indebted to him
dolls
in the sum of 31–00 cents—due on the 1st inst,— & the other in sum of 93–96 cents—due on the 1st, of oct, 1814—

Mr, Wylie reported that Rehoboth Congr— had paid up his salary in full untill the 1st, of this present year—

Mr, Hill was appointed to open the next meeting of Presbytery—& Mr, Swan his alternate—

Adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant on the 3d, tuesday of Oct, next—

Concluded with prayer—

Examined in Synod, & approved.
Octo. 4th— 1815

John Anderson Modr—

Unity 16*th April* 1816—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment and was opened by The Revd–Francis Laird with a sermon from Heb 13–17—

After prayer the following Members were present–viz— The Revd–Messrs–Wm Swan, Wm–Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron, Robt Lee, Wm Wylie James Guthrie, James Galbreath, Thomas Hunt & Wm Johnston, with the Elders Daniel Fleming, Jno– Taylor, Jno–Cowan Jno–M– Snowden, Jno Barnet, Jno Imley, Wm Huston, Hugh Canon, Benjn Allsworth—Jno Lazure & James Wilson –

Absent The Revd– Drs James Power & James Dunlap & The Revd–Messrs–Samuel Porter, Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Joseph Stockton & Robt Patterson—

The Revd, Messrs–Herron & Galbreath gave reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained—

On enquiry it appeared that the members present had fulfilled their appointments to supply –

Mr Galbraith applied to P,b,y. for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him & the Congregation of Gilgal—

A Commissioner appearing before P,b,y. duly appointed, by the Congn, of Gilgal satisfied them that sd Congn acquiesed in Mr Galbraith,s application—The above request was granted—

Mr Wylie requested a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him and the congregations of Reheboth & Round Hill— P,b,y. having heard Mr Wylie's reasons & those of the Commissioners, regularly appointed by sd– Congn's– granted the request—Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9. O. C. Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning *Apl*– 17—

The P.b.y. met agreeably to adjournment—

Members present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last session were read –

Messrs–Guthrie & Hunt were appointed upon a request of the Treasurer of the Missionary fund to examine the accounts of sd Treasurer—

The Committee reported, that they had examined the accts– of ye Treasurer of the Missionary fund & that there appeared a ballance of Five Dollars & forty six cents in the hands of the Treasurer—

Mr–Wylie requested liberty to resign the office of Treasurer of the Missionary fund & of the office of stated Clerk, which was granted & Mr Hunt was appointed to both these offices— On enquiry it appeared that the congregations of Indianna, Dunlaps-Creek, Brownsville,

Laurel Hill, Tyrone, Plumb-Creek & Poke-Run had complied with the injunction of P.b.y. relative to the Theological Seminary—

Reports were recieved from the following Congregations—

	Total in Comn Apl 1. 1815	Members since added		Died	Dism-	Suspended	Total in Comn-	Baptised since last report-		
		On Exa	On Certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Long-Run...	68	5	2	2	4	.....	69	.....	18	18
Sawickly...	70	1	1	1	16	.....	55	.....	5	5
Unity...	144	15	2	2	1	1	157	2	22	24
Greensburgh	35	1	.....	.....	1	1	36	.....	4	4
1st Church Pitts-g	60	11	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	23
Salem...	136	5	.....	1	7	.....	133	1	19	20
Tyrone and Laurel Hill	197	5	.....	2	6	3	193	.....	19	19
2d Church Pittsg- 2 years	63	29	10	4	7	3	87	3	19	22
Dunlaps Creek	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	10	10
Brownsville	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	2	20	22

Reports of settlements were received from the following Congregations.–viz, Dr Power produced a settlement with the Congregation of Mount Pleasant by which, it appeared that sd–Congn–stood indebted to him in a ballance of $269.41—

Mr Swan produced a settlent–from Long-Run, by which it appeared that sd– Congn– is indebted to him in a ballance of $93.35½.—

Mr Galbraith produced a settlement with the Congn– of Indianna, by which, it appeared that sd– Congn– is indebted to him, in a ballance of $40—Also from the congregation of Gilgal by which, it appeared that sd Congn. is indebted to him in a ballance of $200—

Collections were received from the following congregations for the Commissioners fund –From Sawickly $2.75—Long-Run $5.50—Reheboth $2.00—Round Hill $3.00 Salem $4.00—Highlands——Congruity $1.5-0 –Brownsville $10.75 Dunlaps Creek $5.75—2d Congn of Pittsburgh $20—Fairfield for three years $6—Laurel Hill $3.28 –

Collections were received for the Missionary fund viz–From Mount Pleasant $15—Plumb Creek $14–81½ & Poke Run $10–34½ cents by receipt in the hands of Revd Wm Speer—1st Congregation of Pittsburgh paid last year $60—Reheboth $3.55—Round Hill $8.31. six Dollars & forty cents of this last paid Mr McCurdy Treasurer of Missionary Society—Nathaniel McBrier one Dollar—Laurel Hill By receipt $12.65—

The committee, into whose hands, the fund for the education of poor

& pious youth, was committed: reported that the money put into their hands, had been drawing interest since that time & that the remainder had not been collected. An application from the Congn- of Pine Creek and also from Alleghany Town, each for the one third part of the Revd Joseph Stockton's time, for one year, which was granted—

The Revd James Galbraith applied for a dismission from this P.b.y. with a view of connecting himself with the P.b.y. of Huntingdon— P.b.y. agreed to dismiss him as a member in good standing, for that purpose -Ordered that the Clerk be authorised to furnish Mr Galbraith with a copy of the above minute —

Presbytery agreed that each member supply two days between this and the fall meeting.

Mr Swan 2 Sabs- at discretion
Mr Speer 2 Sabs- at discretion—
Mr Laird one Sab at Pittsg and one at discretion
Mr Lee two Sab at Katanning-
Mr Guthrie at Sawicly 1st Sab of June and one Sab at discretion—
Mr Hunt 2 Sabs—at discretion
Mr Johnston 2 Sabs— at discretion
Mr Porter at Rehoboth 2d Sab of June and one at discretion—
Mr Hill 1 Sab at Quemahonmg and 1 at Somerset—
Mr Graham 1 Sab in 1st Congn of Pitts.g and one at Long Run—
Mr Stockton 2d Sab of June at Long Run and one at discretion —

Messrs Porter, Speer & Graham were appointed a Committee to attend at Rehoboth on the 2d Monday of June, for the purpose of dealing with such members of that congregation, as have been active in the late disturbances therein, as may appear to them proper & adapted to edification—

Mr Hill was appointed to open the next Presbytery and Mr Speer was appointed his alternate.

Adjourned to meet at Long Run the third Tuesday of October next— Concluded with prayer—

Examined & approved thus far,

John McMillan Modr.

Long Run *Octr*- 15-1816—

Presbytery met agreably to adjournment, and was opened by the Revd- William Speer, with a sermon from 2 Tim. 2d-19th— After prayer it appeared that the following members were present, viz. The Revd, James Power D. D. The Revd- Messrs, Samuel Porter, William Swan, William Speer, Francis Herron, Rt Lee James Graham, Rt

Patterson, James Guthrie, William Wylie, Thomas Hunt and William Johnston; with the Elders Nathaniel Hurst, David Buchanan, James Cowan, William Barns, William McCrea, Joseph Cuningham, Jacob Dible & Michael Findly—

Absent The Revd–James Dunlap D. D. and The Revd– Messrs. Geo–Hill, Joseph Henderson, Francis Laird & Joseph Stockton—

The Revd Messrs, Samuel Porter and Rt–Patterson gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of P.b.y–, which were sustained—

The Revd Francis Herron paid 40$ into the hands of the Revd Rt–Patterson for the Commissioners fund—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9– O. C.

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday *Octr* 16–1816—

P.b.y. met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of the last session, were read—

The Committee appointed to attend at Rehoboth for the purpose of dealing with such members of that congregation, as have been active in the late disturbance therein, being called upon to report;– it appeared that the Revd Messrs Samuel Porter and William Speer did not attend, whose reasons for not attending were sustained—

The Revd. James Graham who was appointed a member of that committee, did attend;—and having heard a statement from each of the parties; reported to P.b.y. the proceedings which were accepted—

The Revd James Dunlap D. D., by letter, requested to be dismissed from this P,b,y, in order to connect himself with the P.b.y. of Philadelphia, which was granted; and he is hereby dismissed, and the stated Clerk ordered to furnish him with a copy of this minute—

A letter was received from Salman Coles, a student at Jefferson College requesting aid from this P,b,y, to prosecute his education for the Gospel Ministry—

After some observations respecting the want of information relative to Mr Coles and the present state of our funds, it was moved and carried that the above request be not granted—

Dr James Power paid into the hands of the stated Clerk $3.62½ for the Commissioners fund—

Applications for supplies were received from the following congregations, viz—Round Hill, Union and Rehoboth—P.b.y. having resumed as the order of the day, the report given in by The Revd James Graham relative to Michael Findly, William Findly, Robert Galloway, John Robeson, John Power and David Wilson, and having heard these persons at great length in explanation and defence of their con-

duct, and duly considered the whole case, expressed their unanimous and decided disapprobation of their treatment of their late Pastor The Revd–William Wylie—

P.b,y, adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9. O Clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday *Octr* 17–– 1816——

P,b,y, met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above— After prayer the minutes of the last session, were read – P:b.y. agreed that each member supply two days between this and the spring meeting—as follows. viz.

The Revd S. Porter was appointed to supply one Sab— at Rehoboth and one at discretion—

The Revd W. Swan one Sab—at Round Hill and one at discretion—

Revd. W. Speer at Rehoboth the 3d Sab, of Nov and one at discretion—

Revd Rt Lee one Sab––at Indiana and one at discretion––

Revd. F, Herron at Rehoboth the 2d Sab—of Nov— and one at discretion —

Revd, Rt—Patterson at Round Hill the 4th Sab—of Nov—and one at discretion—

Revd James Graham at Round Hill the 2d Sab of Decm––and one at discretion.

Revd W. Wylie one Sab at Union and the remainder of his time at discrtn —

Revd. J—Guthrie one Sab at the Crossings and one at discretion—

Revd T. Hunt 2 Sabs—at discretion

Revd W—Johnston one Sab at MorganTown and one at discretion—

Revd J—Henderson one at Indiana and one at discretion

Revd G. Hill one Sab at Quemahoning and one at SummerSt—

Revd. F—Laird two Sabs, at discretion—

Revd J—Stockton one Sab at Kataning and one at discretion—

On motion, resolved; that this P,b,y—enjoin it upon the members & congregations in their connection to adopt such measures as may to them appear best to carry into effect, the injunctions of the General Assembly relative to the diffusion and wider circulation of the Confession of Faith––and book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church.—

On motion, resolved; that this P–by– highly approve of the resolutions of the General Assembly, respecting the formation of the Classes of young persons for studying and reciting the scriptures––and they do earnestly recommend to the Ministers and Sessions under their care, to pay that attention to the subject which its importance demands––

Mr James Coe having applied to Presbytery to be taken on trial as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry; P.b.y. having received satisfactory evidence of his having received a liberal education & of being of a good moral character and a regular member of the church, pro-

ceeded to examine him on his acquaintance with experimental religion, and proposed some cases of conscience and recd, satisfaction on these points; agreed to receive him on trial, and appointed him to prepare an Exegesus on the following theme--An Redemptio Christi sit universalis--and a Homily on Eph 2 chap 10 v. first clause, "For we are his workmanship"--to be delivered at their next meeting--

Revd-Geo, Hill was appointed to open the next meeting of Pby with a sermon and The Revd W. Wylie his alternate--

Adjourned to meet at Beulah the 3d Tuesday of April next--

Concluded with prayer--

Beulah *April* 15--1817--

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—and was opened by the Rvd- Robert Johnston, with a sermon on 1. Cor 6.20—

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz, The Revd- James Power D. D. The Revd Messurs George Hill, William Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, James Graham, James Guthrie, Thomas Hunt and William Johnston.

With Elders John Giffin, Daniel Flemming, William McCrea, Andrew Wylie, Enoch French, Alexr-Irwin, and John Shaw—

The Revd Robt Johnston a member of the P,b,y, of Erie being present on invitation, took his seat as a corresponding member—Absent The Revd Messurs Samuel Porter, Joseph Henderson, William Wylie Joseph Stockton and Rt Lee—

The Revd F. Laird gave reasons for not attending the last meeting of P,b,y—which were sustained—The Revd Geo Hill gave reasons for not attending the three last meetings of P,b,y. these reasons were considered and Mr Hill was excused—

Mr James Evans a Commissioner from McKee'sPort requested liberty to apply to the P,b,y. of Ohio for the Ministerial labours of The Revd Boyd Mercer as stated supply the one half of his time, for one year; which was granted—

The Revd Reese Lloyd of the Independent Church at Ebenezer applied to P,b,y. to be connected with their body—

P,b,y. appointed The Revd Messrs. Swan, Laird and Hunt, a committee to take into consideration Mr Lloyd's application, to examine his Credentials and other collateral testimony; and to report tomorrow morning—

The Revd James Power D.D. in consequence of age and infirmity, requested liberty to resign the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mount pleasant, which was granted—

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past eight O,Clock.
Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday 16—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment

members present present as above—After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read The Revd. Rt—Patterson appeared and gave reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained—

The committee appointed to converse with Mr Lloyd reported and their report was accepted: after some conversation on the subject, P.b,y. agreed to postpone the further consideration of Mr Lloyd's request until their fall meeting -

Applications for supplies were made from the following places, viz— Mount pleasant, Union Town and Union Congn—. The crossings, Gilgal, Somerset, Berlin, Turky-foot, Armagh, Indianna and the Saltworks—

Reports of settlements with the following congregations were received, viz, Dr Power produced a settlement with the congn—of Mount pleasant, by which it appeared that sd, congn—stood indebted to him $270.46—

Mr Hunt produced a settlement, by which it appeared that the 2d Congn of Pittsburgh stood indebted to him $177.13—

Mr Johnston produced a settlement, by which it appeared that the congn- of Dunlaps Creek had paid him in full, the stipend due him up to the first of Octr 1816—

Also a settlement with congrn—of Brownsville, by which it appeared that sd congren—had paid him in full, the stipend due him up to the 15th of Octr 1816—

Collections were recd. from the following congregations for the commissioners fund, viz Salem $6.64. Fairfield (chartered money) $3.00. First Congn—of Pittsburgh $30.18. Beulah $6. for the last year—Laurel Hill $3.64 -Tyrone $4.62. Brownsville (chartered money) $9.00 Dunlaps Creek (chartered money) $7.00 --

P.by, having under consideration contributions for the commissioners fund and the state of circulating small notes; received a proposal from The Revd Rt—Patterson to take the whole of the contributions which are now forwarded and exchange them as far as possible for current notes, for the benefit of the commissioners fund, and render an account at the next stated meeting—

Resolved, that the aforesaid contributions be committed into the hands of Mr P. for the above purpose—

A letter directed to the Moderator, from the corresponding Secretary of the Hampshire Missionary Society and a letter from The Revd Asa Brooks an Evangelist sent by that Society as a Missionary, within the bounds of this P,b,y–were read— The Moderator was appointed to write to Mr Brooks acknowledging the receipt of the same, and expressing the high degree of satisfaction which the P,b,y, derive from the benevolent appointment of the Hampshire Society and the labours of a Missionary in their bounds—

Reports were received from the following congregations viz—

Names of churches.	Total in Comn per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total in Comn—	Baptised		
		On Exm—	On certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Long Run & Sawickly	69	7	3		5	.....	74	2	16	18
	55	2	7	2	1	.....	61			
Greensburgh & Unity	36	2	1	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	3	3
	157	8	4	3	4	2	160	.....	9	9
1st Congn Pittsburgh		5	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	12	12
2d Congn– Pittsburgh	87	8	13	4	9	.....	95	6	20	26
Laurel Hill & Tyrone	197	6	4	1	5	.....	201	.....	15	15

Mr James Coe read an Exegesus and a Homily on the subjects assigned him at the last meeting of P,b,y, which were sustained as parts of trial—

Pby then proceeded to examine Mr Coe on Systimatic Theology at some length; whose answers were sustained as parts of trial—

Resolved that it be enjoined on the members to attend to the injunction of Synod, relative to the taking up subscriptions or contributions in their respective congregations for the Missionary fund, and to put the amount into the hands of the Treasurer at the next meeting of Synod—

Mr Coe was appointed to prepare a Presbyterial exercise on 2 Cor 3. 18. and a lecture on Matt 13. 1–9, to be delivered at their next meeting—

Resolved that the committee of the fund for the education of poor & pious youth, loan Mr James Coe $25—

P,b,y, agreed that each member should supply two Sabbaths between this and their fall meeting as follows, viz—

The Revd James Power D. D. two Sabbaths at discretion—

The Revd Mr Hill at Mount pleasant 4th Sab of May—& at Gilgal 3d Sab of June—

Mr Swan one Sab at Round Hill & one at Mount pleasant at discretion—
Mr Speer one Sab at Indianna, and one at Warren both days at discretion—
Mr Laird one Sab at Warren and one at discretion—
Mr Patterson one Sab at 1st congn— of Pittsburgh and one at Rehoboth, at discretion—
Mr Graham at the 1st Congregation the 4th Sab of May, and at Round Hill the 1st Sab of Sept
Mr Guthrie two Sabs at discretion—
Mr Hunt two Sabs at discretion—
Mr Johnston one Sab at Georges Creek, and one at discretion--
Mr Henderson at Gilgal the 3d Sab of June, and one at Indianna at discretion--
Mr Wylie one Sab at Georges Creek and one at Mount pleasant and the remainder of his time at discretion till the fall meeting—
Mr Lee two Sabs, at discretion—
Mr Stockton, two Sabs at discretion--
Mr Porter, one Sab at Warren, and one at Mount-pleasant 1st Sab of Sept--

The commissioner from Round Hill and Rehoboth requested liberty to apply to the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie for supplies, which was granted--

Messrs Hill and Henderson were appointed to administer the Lords Supper at Gilgal on the 3d Sab of June—

Mr Hill to preach on Friday and converse with applicants for communion in the church--

The Revd Messrs Speer & Herron with Mr James Brady Elder were appointed as delegates to to the next General Assembly—

On motion, resolved, that the Moderator be directed to address a letter to the Revd Joseph Henderson expressive of their deep regret, that they have not had the pleasure of seeing him for so long a time; nor had any official information respecting his congregations nor of the success of religion among them: that Mr Henderson be earnestly and tenderly urged to endeavour to be more careful in attending their stated meetings--

Adjourned to meet at Saweekly the last Tuesday of June next--
Concluded with prayer—

Sawickly *June* 24- 1817—

P,by- met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by Mr James Coe with a Lecture on the subject assigned him at their last meeting—

After prayer, it appeared, the following members were present- viz—

Revd Dr James Power—The Revd Messrs Samuel Porter, William Swan, Francis Laird, Robert Lee and Thomas Hunt— with the Elders Benjamin Alsworth, George Plummer, Abraham Fulton, & John Neel

—Absent The Revd Messrs Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Speer, Francis Herron, William Wylie, James Graham, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, James Guthrie & William Johnston—

Mr Lee was appointed secretary pro tem.

The Revd Robt-Johnston a member of the P,b,y. of Erie being present & being invited took his seat as a corresponding member—

The Revd Messrs- Porter and Lee gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of P,b,y—which were sustained—

P,b,y. proceeded to consider the lecture delivered by Mr Coe and the presbyterial exercise read by him, on the subjects assigned him at their last meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at nine O. C-

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday 25—

P,b,y- met agreeably to adjournment, member(s) present as above —After prayer the minutes of the last session were read— Pby, proceeded to examine Mr Coe on the learned languages; & on the remaining part of Systemac Theology, & on natural phylosophy whose answers were sustained as parts of trial

Mr Coe was appointed to deliver a sermon on Rom 8-2 at the next meeting of Pby—

Adjourned to meet at Greensburgh on the 3d tuesday of Octr next: concluded with prayer—

Examined in Synod and approved Octob. 18. 1817—

Mathew Brown Modr—

Greensburgh *Octr* 21—1817—

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment—and was opened by Mr James Coe, with a sermon on the subject assigned him at the last meeting—

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz,

The Revd Messrs James Power D. D. Saml Porter, Wm Swan, Wm Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Wm Wylie, Robt Lee, Joseph Stockton, Rt-Patterson, Jas-Graham, Ths-Hunt & Wm Johnston; with the Elders Jas Caldwell, Benjn Alsworth, Jas Brady, Jas Sample, Jno Blythe, Michael Rough, Jas Gageby and Saml Morehead—

Absent The Revd Messrs Jas Henderson, Jas Guthrie & Geo Hill—

P.b.y. proceeded to the choice of Moderator and Clerk—Where-

upon it appeared that The Revd Wm- Speer was chosen Moderator, and The Revd- Francis Herron Clerk for the ensuing year——

The minutes of the adjourned intermediate and special meetings were read—

The reasons assigned by The Revd Messrs Wm- Wylie and Jos Stockton for non-attendance at the adjourned meeting were sustained—

The reasons assigned by The Revd Messrs Wylie, Speer, Herron, Graham, Stockton, Patterson, Wm Johnston and Hill for non-attendance at the intermediate meeting were sustained—

The P.b.y. proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr James Coe on the subject assigned him at our last meeting--Which was sustained as a part of trial—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 O.C. A-M—

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday 9. O C. A-M—

P-b-y- met agreeably to adjournment— Members present as above— After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

P-by proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr John Ross on the subject assigned him at the special meeting, which was sustained as a part of trial for ordination,

An application was recd— and read from a number of people chiefly belonging to Plumb-Creek congregation & who have lately associated themselves under the Title of the Turtle Creek congregation praying for the erection and organization of a Presbyterian congregation to be known by the above appellation—

Whereupon the Pby took the application into consideration & after some further enquiries & examination of the subject—

It was resolved yt the further consideration of the application be postponed, & it is hereby, in the meantime, affectionately recommended to the congrn— of Plumb Creek & Poke Run to use all proper efforts for the adjustment of this business among themselves— but if this shall be found impracticable, then the congregations shall appear before Pby by their commissioners—

It was on motion, resolved that it be enjoined—and it is hereby enjoined on all the vacancies within their bounds to pay Eight Dollars for each Sabbath day to licentiates for their public services—& five Dollars to settled Ministers, and it is further resolved that Ministers and Licentiates, report on this subject at the stated meetings of P.b.y-

Applications for supplies were rec,d from the following congns—viz,

Warren, Georges Creek, Wheatfield, Crossings, Saltsburgh and Mount-pleasant—

A communication was recd- from Donegal Congn— complaining of the Revd George Hills withdrawing from the performance of the Pastoral duties of sd congn— & requesting relief in the above case—

After some deliberation, it was, on motion resolved, that it be recommended to The Revd Geo Hill and the congn— of Donegal to adjust, if practicable, their differences on the above subject—

Adjourned to meet at 3. O. C P M.

3. O. C. P. M.

P.b.y. met agreeably to adjournment— Members present as above—

After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read—

Collections were recd- from the following congns— for the Missionary fund, viz, Sawickly $22.37½——Fairfield $18.32—

Collections were recd- for the Commissioners Fund—Highlands Congn— $8.82—transmitted by the Commissioners to the Genl- Assembly—Long Run $4.96—Sawickly $2.13—Mount-pleasant $3.73—

The Moderator reported that he had complied with the order of P b y in writing to the Revd Mr Brooks—

P b y proceeded to examine Mr Coe on Moral Phylosophy, and agreed to sustain his answers as parts of trial for licensure—

The P b y having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr James Coe, of his having gone through a regular course of literature —of his good moral character—& of his being in the communion of the church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure, & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature— as to his acquaintance experimentally, with religion—& as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies—P.b.y- did & do hereby express their approbation of all those parts of trial—& he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church—& satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed—The P b y did and do hereby license him the sd James Coe to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this P.b.y. or wherever he shall be orderly called—

Ordered that Mr Coe be furnished with an extract of the above minute attested by the Clerk—

The application of Mr Lloyd to this P-b-y- for the purpose of connecting himself with us at our last meeting, was at that time postponed was now resumed,—& it was on motion resolved, that a committee be

appointed to take his application into consideration, & report as soon as convenient—and that The Revd Messrs Porter, Hill and Wylie be the committee for that purpose—

P.b.y. proceeded to examine Mr Jno– Ross on his experimental acquaintance with religion–Theology—the learned languages—& church history, and agreed to sustain his answers as parts of Trial for ordination—

The Committee to whom was referred the application of The Revd Mr Lloyd. reported and their report was adopted and is as follows, viz—

The Committee having freely conversed with Mr Lloyd respecting his views with regard to his application to this P.b.y. & after deliberateing on the subject, are of opinion, that Mr Lloyd is deserving of attention and encouragement,—but entertain doubts whether this case be not one of those, which fall exclusively within the province of the Genl Assbly.—

P b y agreed to meet at Somerset on the 1st Wednesday of Decr– at 12. O C for the purpose of ordaining & installing Mr Ross in his charge—

The Revd Mr Wylie was appointed to preach the sermon;—or in case of his absence The Revd Mr Graham: & The Revd Mr Herron to preside and give the charge—

Resolved, that each member of this P.b.y– supply one sabbath between this and the spring meeting as follows—

The Revd Porter 2d sab of Nov at Saltsburgh—Swan one sab– at discretion at Mount pleasant—Hill at Georges Creek 3d sab of Nov—Speer one sab– at Warren at discretion—Laird one sab at Warren—Wylie one sab– at Georges Creek—Herron at Mount pleasant 2d sab of Dem—Stockton one sab at discretion—Patterson 2d sab of Decm– at discretion—Graham one sab.– at discretion—Hunt 1st sab of Decm– at Mount pleasant—Johnston one sab at Georges Creek—Lee one sab– at discrn– —Henderson one at discren– —Guthrie one at discren– —Mr Coe last sab of Octr at Mount pleasant—1st– sab of Nov at Warren—2d sab of Decm– at Indianna—3d at Gilgal—4th at Armagh—1st sab of Jany at Johnstown—2d at disn– —3d at Saltsburgh—at Warren at discn– —4th at discn– —1st sab of Feb at Mason Town—2d at Georges Creek—3d at Crossings—4th at Turkey Foot—the rest of his time at discretion till the next stated meeting—

Pby– appointed to meet at Round Hill the 3d Tuesday of April next – The Revd G Hill was appointed to open our next stated meeting & Mr Stockton his alternate—

Adjourned to meet at Somerset on the 1st– Wednesday of Dem– next— Concluded with prayer

SOMERSET *December* 3*d*—1817—

Pby– met agreeably to a(d)journment—

After prayer it appeared that the following members were present, viz,

The Revd Francis Herron,—Graham –and Hunt

Absent The Revd Messrs James Power D. D. –Porter, Swan, Hill, Speer, Laird, Wylie, Stockton, Patterson, Johnston, Lee, Henderson, and Guthrie—

Pby being fully satisfied with the qualifications of Mr Ross for the Gospel Ministry, proceeded to his ordination –and he having answered the questions proposed to candidates on such occasions—and adopted the Confession of Faith & form of government of our church, was set apart by prayer & the laying on of the hands of P.b.y—to the holy office of the Gospel ministry and installed as the Pastor of the congn– of Somerset—

The Revd– Graham preached on the occasion and The Revd– Herron presided and gave the charge—

Adjourned to meet at Round Hill the 3d Tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer—

ROUND HILL *April* 21—1818—

P b y met agreeably to adjournment and was opened with a sermon, by Mr Asbel. G–Fairchild, a Licentiate from the P.b.y. of Jersey, on 1 Pet 2. 20—.

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz, The Revd, Messrs George Hill, Wm–Speer, Wm–Wylie, Francis Herron, Jas–Graham, Rt–Patterson, Jas–Guthrie, Ths–Hunt and Wm–Johnston;—with the Elders Robt–Piper, Jos–Baldridge, Chas–Carothers, Wm–Coulter, John Morse, Dal–Fleming, John Emly, Wm Hartupee and James McLean—

Absent The Revd Messrs Jas Power D–D– Jos– Henderson, Saml Porter, Wm–Swan, Francis Laird, Rt–Lee, Jos Stockton and Jno Ross——

The minutes of the last stated meeting and of the intermediate meeting were read—

On enquiry it appeared that the members had fulfilled their appointments—

The Revd Rt–Johnston produced a dismission from the Pby– of Erie, as a member in good standing, & requested to be recd, as a member of this Pby which was granted—

Mr James Irvin, a Commissioner from McKeesport requested liberty

to apply to the Pby of Ohio for the ministerial labours of The Revd Boyd Mercer as a stated supply for the one half of his time during the subsequent year—which was granted—

Calls from the united congns- of Round Hill & Rehoboth, for The Revd Rt-Johnston were presented & read, in which they promise him Five hundred Dollar(s) annually upon his becoming their Pastor The Pby finding that the Call had been regularly prepared, agreed to put it into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance—

Mr John Reed produced a dismission from the Pby of Ohio, as a licentiate in good standing & requested to be taken under of this P,b,y —wh was granted.

A Call from the united congregations of Indianna & Gilgal for Mr John Reed was presented & read, in which they promise him Five hundred and fifty Dollars annually on his becoming their Pastor— P.b.y. finding that the Call was regularly prepared, agreed to put it into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance—

Mr Asbel G-Fairchild presented his dismission from the Pby- of N. Jersey, as a Licentiate in good standing—& requested to be taken under the care of this Pby—which was granted—

A Call from the Congregation of Morgantown for Mr Fairchild was presented & read, in which they promise him One hundred & fifty Dollars annually for one half of his time upon his becoming their Pastor—

After some observations on the propriety of putting this call into the hands of Mr Fairchild, P,b,y- adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9—O Clock A. M. Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday Morning *April* 22-1818--

P.b.y met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present as before—

Resolved, that as the Treasurer of the Commissioners fund is absent, The Revd Ths Hunt be appointed to receive & transmit to the Treasurer of the Genl-Assembly, the monies collected for that fund--

The Revd George Hill assigned reasons for not attending the intermediate meeting of Pby at Somerset,--& although P-b-y- could not sustain his reasons; yet they agreed to excuse him--

The reasons assigned by the Revd Messrs Speer, Patterson, Guthrie & Wm Johnston for not attending at the intermediate meeting, were sustained—

Reports were received from the following congregations—

Names of Churches	Total in Commn—	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Commn—	Baptizd		
		On examin—	On Certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Unity	160	17	1	1	5	2	170	2	19	21
Greensburgh	39	3	1	1	.....	1	41	.....	5	5
Beulah	130	20	14	5	20	.....	139	5	55	60
Highlands	65	31	12	3		2	103	6	33	39
1 Church Pittsg		16	9	1	7	.....	133	2	21	23
2 Church Pittsg	95	8	7	2	4	.....	104	.....	23	23
Laurel Hill & Tyrone	201	10	4	2	6	1	202	2	8	10

The Revd Ths Hunt procuced a settlement with his congregation, by which it appeared that sd congn—were indebted to him $286—

Applications for supplies were received from the following congs—viz, Kittanning, Saltsburgh, Warren, Mount pleasant & Armaugh—

On motion resolved, that each Minister of this P,b,y—supply one Sab—between this & the next stated meeting, as follows, The Revd George Hill one Sab—at Armaugh—Wylie one Sab—at Mason-Town—Herron one at discretion—Graham one at Kittanning—Patterson one Sab at Saltsburgh—Guthrie one Sab at the Crossings—Wm Johnston one Sab at Geneva—Rt Johnston Sab at the 2d Congn of Pittsg—Porter one Sab—at Greensburgh—Swan one Sab— at Mount-pleasant—Laird one Sab at Unity—Lee one Sab—at Kittanning—Stockton one at Warren—Ross one at Mount pleasant—Mr Reed one at Kittanning—Fairchild one at Clarksburgh—and Coe to supply one Sab in each of the vacancies & the residue of the time at discretion till the next stated meeting—

The Revd Messrs Speer, Hunt and Ross were appointed as delegates to attend the next Genl Assembly—

Ordered that Commissions be furnished for the above delegates & signed by the Moderator & Clerk—

On motion, resolved that it be enjoined on the members of this Pby—who are appointed to supply vacant congregations within our bounds, that they spend a part of a day, having given previous notice, in catechisting the youth—

The consideration of the propriety of putting the call from Morgantown into the hands of Mr Fairchild was resumed; & after some farther discussion of the subject, it was deemed inexpedient to present it to him at present—But still to relieve the wants & meet the expectations of that people, as far as practicable, Presbytery agreed to ordain Mr Fairchild as an Evangelist for that region of country, in case they find they way open & sustain his trials for that purpose—

Resolved, that the members of this P,b,y—proceed to give a narra-

tive of the state of religion in their respective congregations & The Messrs Graham and Rt Johnston were appointed a committee to prepare a report on this subject to the Genl-Assembly—Presbytery agreed to meet at Pittsburgh the last Tuesday of June next—

Mr Fairchild was appointed to prepare a sermon for ordination, on Phil 1.21 and Mr Reed on John 15-2 to be delivered at our next meeting—

A Call from the congregation of Ligoneer for The Revd George Hill was presented and read—in which they promise him one hundred & eighty Dollars annually for his ministerial labours for one third of his time, upon his becoming their Pastor;—but inasmuch as it appeared to the P,b,y, that there were obstacles in the way of putting this call into his hands at present, arising from the complaints of the congregation of Donegal—It was on motion, resolved that the whole of Mr. Hills business be postponed until the next stated meeting—

Ordered that the congn—of Donegal appear by their Commissioners & that Mr Hill bring forward the call, on which his Pastoral relation with that congn—was originally formed & present it to this P,b,y—at their next stated meeting—

Presbytery appointed to meet at Indianna on the 3d Tuesy—of October next—

The Revd Messrs Herron & Graham were appointed a committee to install The Revd Robert Johnston, as the Pastor of the united congregations of Reboboth & Round Hill, on the 3d Thursday of June next—

Collections were received for Commissrs fund from the following congregations viz—

1st Congn—of Pittsg-$29—2nd-Do—$5.00—Congruity $2-53½—Unity $5.75—Brownsville $8.00—Dunlaps Creek$4.00—Fairfield $3.00—Long Run $4.27—Sawickly $2.3—Highlands $9.00—Laurel Hill $6.20—Tyrone $2.57½—Donegal $1. 00—Greensburgh $9.00—

Collections were also received for the Missionary Fund from Brownsville $10.00—Dunlaps Creek $10.00—Long Run $5. 75—

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh the last Tuesday of June next at 11. OClock A. M—in 2d Congn—

Concluded with prayer—

PITTSBURGH *June 30th*-1818—

The Presby—met agreeably to adjournment—

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz—

The Revd Messrs Wm-Swan, Ths Hunt, Frs-Laird, Jas-Graham,

Frs–Herron, Rt–Johnston, Jos–Stockton, & Rt Patterson—with the Elders Wm Hawkins, Thos Davies, Jas–Stevenson, Saml–Thompson, & And–Fife—

Absent The Revd–Messss James Power, D–D—Saml Porter, Jos Henderson, George Hill, Wm–Speer, Wm–Wylie Robt Lee, James Guthrie, Wm–Johnston--

The minutes of the last meeting were read—

The Revd Messrs Jos Patterson & Saml Ralston, members of the Pby of Ohio, being present, were invited and took their seats as corresponding members—

The Committee appointed to install The Revd Robt Johnston reported that they had performed the duty assigned them—

The Revd Messrs Swan and Stockton assigned reasons for not attending at the last meeting of Pby, which were sustained—

Mr A. G. Fairchild delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him at our last meeting as part of trial for ordination, which was sustained—Pby—proceeded to the examination of Messrs Reed & Fairchild on experimental religion & obtained satisfaction—

Whereas the Board of Trust for the W–M—Society presented a request to this P–b–y—Soliciting the ordination of Mr A G Fairchild as an Evangelist, in the Morgan Town Missionary circuit at the present meeting of P.b.y—It was therefore on motion, resolved—That this P,b,y—take measures for his ordination on tomorrow at 3–O Clock P–M—

Resolved that Mr Herron be appointed to preach the sermon on the occasion & Mr Hunt to preside and give the charge—

Mr John Reed delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him at their last meeting, as a part of trial for ordination—which was sustained—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 O–C—A–M—

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday 9– O C—

Presby— met agreeably to adjournment— After prayer the minutes of the last session, were read— Members present as above—

The Presby— proceeded to examine Messrs Reed & Fairchild on the learned languages, Theology, Philosophy as parts of trial for ordination—which were sustained—

The Revd Wm– Swan requested leave to resign his pastoral charge of the congns— of Long Run & Sawickly—but inasmuch as the congregations were not represented by Commissioners—It was on motion resolved, that sd congregations be cited to appear at our next meeting,

to assign reasons, if any they have. why his request should not be granted—

Pby having examined Mr A– G– Fairchild on the different subjects directed by the constitution of this church & being fully satisfied with his qualifications for the Gospel ministry, & he having answered the questions proposed in such cases & adopted the confession of faith & book of discipline of our Church, proceeded to set him apart, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of Pby– to the holy office of the Gospel Ministery— Mr Herron preached on the occasion & Mr Hunt presided & gave the charge—

Resolved that Mr Reed be ordained & installed at our next stated meeting— The Revd Rt– Johnston to preach & The Revd Rt– Patterson to presided & give the charge—

The Revd Ths– Hunt requested liberty to resign his pastoral charge of the 2d– Congn— of Pittsburgh, & the commissioners of sd– congn— having expressed their acquiescence in the request of Mr Hunt,— the pastoral relation between him and sd Congn— was accordingly dissolved—

The second congregation of Pittsburgh made application for supplies & likewise requested permission to apply to any other presbytery for supplies, which was granted—

The Revd Rt– Johnston was appointed to supply at 2nd– congregation of Pittsg 2nd Sab of July— Mr Graham one at discretion— Mr Herron one Sab at disn– Mr Stockton last Sab of August—

Adjourned to meet at Indiana the 3d Tuesday of Octr– at 12–O. C.
Concluded with prayer—

The minutes approved thus far

Saml– Tait Modr– of Synd.

PITTSBURGH *October 9th* 1818

Agreeably to the request of a number of the members of the *P.b.y*, of Redstone, the Moderator called a special meeting, during the sessions of Synod After prayer it appeared that the following members were present. The Revd– Messrs Saml– Porter, Wm– Swan, Wm– Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron, Jos– Stockton, Robt– Johnston, Jas– Graham; with the Elders, James Cooper, Wm– Hartipee, —— Fleming and Charles Carothers.

Application was made by the Revd– Thos– Hunt to be dismissed from this P.b.y with a view to connect himself with the P.b.y of Ohio —It was therefore on motion resolved, that his request be granted—

and that he be furnished with testimonials of his good standing, attested by *the Clerk*—

The second Presbtn- Congregation of Pittsburgh, desired leave to prosecute a call for the Revd- Thos Hoge before the Pby of Ohio, which was granted

Adjourned to meet at Indiana the 20th Inst.

Concluded with prayer—

INDIANA *October 20th*- 1818

P-b-y met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Revd- James Graham on 2d Cor- 6. 21.

After prayer it appeared that the following members were present viz, The Revd. Messrs, Jos, Henderson, Saml. Porter, Wm Swan, George Hill, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Robt- Lee, Wm- Wylie, James Graham and Robt- Johnston.—Elders, Messrs James Laughrie Wm- Armstrong, Thos- Pollock George Plummer Wm- Mc,Gairy James Cooper James McLain Wm- Bell and Wm- Arbucle

Absent. Revd, Messrs James Power D. D. Wm- Spear Joseph Stockton James Guthrie Wm- Johnston, John Ross, and Ashbel G. Fairchild.—

The minutes of the last stated and of the intermediate and special meetings of the pb-y. were read,— pb-y. proceded to the choice of a moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, and the Revd, Robt- Johnston was chosen Moderator, and the Revd, Wm- Wylie Clerk

The members who were absent from the last stated meeting and the subsequent meetings of pby. or either of them assigned reasons for absence which were sustained.—

The Revd, Joseph Henderson informed pby. that such has been his general state of health that he has not been able for some years past to attend the meetings of pby. His reason was esteemed sufficient.—

The Congregations of Sawickly and Long Run haveing by their commissioners declared their acquiessence in the request of the Revd, Wm- Swan for leave to resign his pastoral charge of sd. congregations his request was granted.—

The Revd, Thos, Hunt haveing at the last meeting of pby. resigned the office of Stated Clerk—The Revd, Robt- Johnston was chosen to sd, office

The Revd Robt, Patterson who was appointed to preside and give the charge at the ordination of Mr- John Read being absent, the Revd, Saml, Porter was requested to officiate in his stead

Applications for supplies were recieved from the following Congre-

gations viz. Kettaning, Cowinshannock, Armah, Saltsburgh, Warren, Mount-pleasant, Union and from Sawickly and long Run; accompanied with a request to obtain liberty to apply to any P.by in the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh for supplies, which was granted.—

P,by resumed the consideration of the business of the Revd, George Hill in relation to the call from the Congn— of Legionnier posponed at the last stated meeting in consequence of complaints and opposition presented by the Congn– of Donegal; and after considerable attention to the subject the further consideration of it was posponed until tomorrow morn(in)g.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 OClock

Concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9. *O,clock*

pby met agreeably to adjournment. Members presant as above.—

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.— The Revd, Francis Herron was appointed treasurer of the missionary fund.

The Revd, George Hill requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Congns— of Fairfield and Donegal, and the commissioners of sd, Congns— haveing assured pby. that no opposition would be made to Mr, Hill's resignation of sd, charge; his request was granted.—

It was however the oppinon of p,by. that Mr, Hill ought to have regularly applied for a dismission from the Donegal Congn— before he withdrew from them his ministerial labours

A call from the Congn— of Fairfield for the two thirds of the ministerial labours of the Revd, George Hill was presented to pby. which together with a call from the congregation of Legionier for one third of his ministerial labours were put into his hands of which he declared his acceptance.—

Mr John Read haveing previously sustained an examination on the different subjects directed by the constitution of the presbyterian Church—answered the questions proposed to Candidates in such cases, and adopted the Confession of faith and Book of discipline of our Church: p.b.y proceeded to his ordination and did by prayer and the laying on of the hands of p.b.y ordain and set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry: and installed him the regular pastor of Indiana and Gilgal congregations.—The Revd. Robt– Johnson preached and the Revd. Saml, Porter presided and gave the charge

An application for supplies, was recieved from the congn of Donegal, accompanied with a request for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Collections for the commissioner's fund were recieved; from Poke-run, 4:75; & from Salem, 435—And also for the Missionary fund; from Salem 11:25: from Bethel 21:03: from Sawickly & long-run 17:15: from Unity 13:00:

From Fairfield 9:62½, from Ebenezer on old subscription 13;00; from the 1st. Presbn. Church of Pittsburgh Paid over to the Treasurer of the Miss.y. Society 177:58 from Congruity 8.12½ from the female cent society of Rehoboth 36.50: and from Buela 30:00 & from Plumb-Creek & poke run 12:00 Paid into the Tresurer of P.b.y

The Revd, Messrs– Wm– Speer, Robert Lee and John Ross were appointed a committe to meet in Fairfield on the third Tuesday of November next to install the Revd, George Hill in the Congregations of Fairfield and Legioneer—

The Revd, Joseph Henderson was appointed to supply one sabbath at Saltsburgh— The Revd, Samuel Porter one Sabbath at Saltsburgh— The Revd, George Hill two Sabbaths at Armagh— the Revd, Francis Herron one sabbath at Long run, and one at discretion— the Revd, Francis Laird, one sabbath at Warren, and one at discretion— the Revd, Wm– Wylie one sabbath at Union and one at the Crossings— the Revd, James Graham two sabbaths at discretion— the Revd, Robert Lee two sabbaths at Kittaning and to assist at the administration of the Lords supper at Donegal the 3d. sabbath of November— the Revd, Robert Johnston one sabbath at Sawickly— the Revd John Reed two sabbaths at Glade run— the Revd, Wm– Speer one sabbath at Mount-pleasant and to administer the Lords supper at Donegal the 3d sabbath of November— the Revd, John Ross one sabbath at discretion and to assist at the administration of the Lords supper at Donegal the 3d sabbath of November— the Revd James Guthrie one sabbath at Union and one at discretion— the Revd, Wm– Johnston two sabbaths at discretion— the Revd, Joseph Stockton two sabbaths at discretion— the Revd, Robert Patterson two sabbaths at discretion— Mr James Coe obtained liberty to itinerate two months out of the bounds of this pby, and was appointed to supply four sabbaths at Kittaning and the remainder of his time at discretion untill the next meeting of pby—

On motion resolved that this pby concur with the recommendation of the general assembly in relation to altering the ratio of representation, by substituting in Chap. 11th set. 2d. the word nine for the word six and the word eighteen for the word twelve,—ordered that the above minute be transmitted to the next general Assembly by the commissioners who may be appointed to attend that body—

The Revd John Ross was appointed to open the next meeting of pby and the Revd. John Reed his alternate—

Adjourned to meet at long-Run on the third Tuesday of April next—

Concluded with prayer—

LONG RUN *Apl*– 20 1819

P.b.y met agreeably to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd, Wm.. Wylie from Romans 7– 12–..

After prayer it appeared that the following members were presant Viz The Revd Messrs, James Power, D. D. George Hill Wm– Swan, Wm– Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Wm– Wylie, Robt.. Johnston, James Graham, James Guthrie, Wm– Johnston, and John Ross; with the Elders, James Wilson, James Cowan, Wm– Borns, (?) John Cowan, Joseph Finley, Charles Carothers, Robt, Smith, John Johnston, John Giffen, Peter Wallace, and James Campbell.

Absent, the Revd, Messrs– Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, Joseph Stockton, Robt– Lee, Robt– Patterson, Ashbel G. Fairchild, and John Reed.

The minutes of the last session were read.—

The reasons assigned by the Revd. Messrs. James Power D. D. Wm– Speer, James Guthrie, Wm– Johnston, and John Ross, for absence from the last meeting of P,b,y, and the reasons assigned by the Revd, James Guthrie for absense from the preceeding meeting— and also the reasons assigned by the Revd, John Ross, for absense from the two preceeding meetings of pby, were sustained—

On enquiry it appeared that the committe appointed to install the Revd, George· Hill in the congregations of Fairfield and Legionier, and to administer the sacrament of the Lords supper in Donegal had fulfilled their appointments.—

The Revd, Asa Brooks an evangelist ordained by the central association of ministers in the County of Hamshire and state of Massachusetts, lately officiateing as a missionary in Randolph County in the bounds of this P.b.y expressed a wish to become a member and having presented sufficient testimonials of his regular standing as an ordained minister of the gospel his request was granted, and he took his seat as a member of this P.b.y—

The Revd Messrs, Wm– Swan, Francis Herron, and James Graham, with John Snowden Elder, were appointed Commissioners to attend the next general Assembly and were furnished with commissions—

A call for the ministerial labours of the Revd, Wm, Swan was presented by the Congn, of long-Run and put into his hands of which he declared his acceptance—

Applications were made by the Congregations of Donegal Sawickly and Mount pleasant for supplies and for the administration of the sacrament of the Lords supper—

On enquiry it appeared that the members generally had fulfilled their appointments

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at nine Oclock—

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY *April* 21

Pby met according to adjournment, members presant as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd, John Ross requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the congregation of Somerset County, Ordered that sd, Congregation be Cited to attend the next meeting of P.b.y by commissioners to make known their reasons if any they have why the above Request shall not be granted—

An application for supplies was made by the Congregation of Donegal which was granted and the moderator was directed to address sd, Congregation on the subject of arrears due by them to the Revd George Hill—

A call was presented from the Congn– of Union Town for the ministerial labours of the Revd, Wm– Wylie in which they promise to pay him the sum of one thousand Dollars in regular quarterly payments during the continuance of his pastoral relation with them which was put into his hands and of which he declared his acceptance and the Revd Messrs, Francis Herron Robt, Johnston James Guthrie and Wm. Johnston were appointed a committee to meet in Union Town on the first Tuesday of May next at two oclock P. M. to instal the Revd, Wm. Wylie in sd congregation—

The Revd, Robt, Johnston was appointed to preach on the occasion and the Revd, Francis Herron to preside and give the charge—

Reports were read from the following Churches, viz. Sawickly and Long run, Greensburgh and Unity, Rehoboth and Round hill, Bulah, Somerset, Laurel hill and Tyrone, Dunlap's Creek and Brownsville——

An application for one half of the ministerial labours of the Revd, Ashbel G. Fairchild for one year was made by the Congregations of Georges Creek and Greensburgh, Green County accompanied with a promise of one hundred and seventy five Dollars for his services during sd, period which was granted

Collections for the commissioners fund were received, from Poke run $2..20c Plumb Creek $2..18c Fairfield $3..00c Laurel hill and Tyrone $3..26¾c Sommerset $11..44½c

On enquiry it appeared that Mr Coe had not fulfilled his appointments his reasons for not fulfilling them were sustained——

Mr Coe requested a dismission from this Pby— to put himself under the care of the Pby of Washington which was granted and the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy of this record——

The Revd, James Guthrie requested liberty to resign the pastoral charge of the Congregations of Laurel hill and Tyrone, Ordered that sd Congns, be Cited to appear by their commissioners at the next meeting of Pby. to show reasons if any they have, why the above request should not be granted

A call for three fourths of the ministerial labors of the Revd, Asa Brooks was presented by the Congregation of French Creek in which they permit him to spend ten weeks as a missionary and promise to pay him two hundred and four dollars for the first year and afterwards the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars per Annum, and further engage to give him one hundred acres of land—of which he declared his acceptance——

A call from the Congregation of Buchannon for one fourth of the ministerial labours of the Revd. Asa Brooks in which they, in connection with the Congregation of French Creek permit him to spend ten weeks of his time as a missionary and promise him fifty dollars per annum was put into his hand of which he declared his acceptance——

Reports of Congregational settlements were received from Rehoboth and Round hill from which it appeared that the former had paid in full the amount due the Revd Robt, Johnston on the first of January 1819, and the latter stood indebted at the same date in a ballance of one hundred and nineteen dollars Seventy two cents——

Applications for supplies were recd, from Saltsburgh and Warren——

Collections for the missionary fund were received from Brownsville

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and Dunlaps Creek 24.00 and 28-25 from the female cent society of Dunlops Creek——

The Revd Joseph Henderson was appointed to supply one sabb. at Kittaning & one at Saltsburgh

The Revd Saml. Porter at Long run 2d sabb of June & one at discretion—The Revd George Hill at Wheatfield the ist sabb of May, & to assist in the administration of the Lords Supper at Donegal the ist Sabb of September—The Revd Wm. Speer the ist Sabb of June in the 1st. Presbn. Church Pittsburgh & one Sabb at discretion—The Revd Joseph Stockton 3d Sabb of May in the 1st. Presbn Church Pittsburgh & one Sabb at discretion—The Revd Robt Lee one Sabb at Kittaning, & at Long-run the 3d Sabb- of May—The Revd Wm. Wylie two Sabbaths at Union—The Revd Robt Johnston to administer the Saramt. of the Lord's supper the 3d Sabb of August at Sawickley & one at discretion—The Revd Robt. Patterson at Beulah the 1st sabb of June & one at discretion—The Revd James

Guthrie at Donegal the 1st. Sabb of September, & one at discretion—The Revd Wm. Johnston two sabbaths at discretion—The Revd John Ross one sabb at Mount pleasant & in the 2d. Presbn. Church Pittsburgh the 2d Sabb of May—The Revd John Reed two Sabbaths at Warren

The Revd Messrs, Francis Herron and James Graham, were appointed a committee to enquire into the propriety and practicability of forming an education society for the education of poor and pious youth for the Gospel ministry and if proper and practicable they are required to digest and present a plan for sd. Society and to report at the next meeting of Pby——

The Revd, Messrs, Francis Laird and James Graham were appointed a committee to meet at Long run sometime in the ensueing summer and install the Revd Wm. Swan in sd, Congregation—

Adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant.on the third Tuesday of October next —— Concluded with prayer

Reports were recieved from the following Congregations viz

Names of Churches	Total in communion as per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Baptized		
		On examination	on certificate					Adults	Infants	Total
Long run & Sawickly	137	7		2	6		136		16	16
Greensburgh & Unity	213	14	1	5	11	1	211		24	24
Rehoboth & Round hill	128	53	5	9	9		168	9	56	65
Dunlaps Creek and Brownsville	135	13	3		3		151		18	18
Laurel hill & Tyrone	202	12	5	4	9	1	205	2	26	28
Bulah	130	9	3	1	6	1	136		14	14
Somerset	20	4					24			
Pine creek.	41	12	3	3			53	1	35	36

Approved thus far by the Synod of Pittsburgh

Washington Pa. Octr. 8t. 1819. John Seward Mod.

MOUNT PLEASANT *October* 19 1819—

P.b.y met agreably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Revd Robt Johnston on Rom. 3. 31

Constituted with prayer

Members present The Revd Messrs. James Power D D. Saml. Porter George Hill Wm. Swan Wm. Speer Wm. Wylie Robt Lee Robt. Patterson Robt Johnston James Gutherie & John Reed, with the Elders Benjamin Alsworth Joseph Baldridge Peter Wallace James Power Alexr.

Johnston John Vance Charles Porter Thos Davis & George Campbel—

Absent The Revd Messrs. Joseph Henderson Francis Laird Francis Herron Joseph Stockton James Graham Wm. Johnston John Ross Ashbel G Fairchild & Asa Brooks

The Revd George Hill was chosen Moderator & the Revd Robt Patterson Clerk for the ensuing year

The minutes of the last meeting of Pby were read— On enquiry it appeared that the Members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply—

The reasons assigned by the Revd Messrs. James Power D D. Saml Porter Robt. Lee Robt Patterson & John Reed for absence at the last & preceeding meetings of Pby were sustained

The Revd Elisha P Swift professed a desire to become a Member of this Pby & having produced a dismission from the Pby of Newcastle with a certificate of his good standing was accordingly received & took his seat—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine o clock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning 9 O clock Pby met agreeably to adjournment—

After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read.

An appeal from a decision of the Session of Round hill Church was presented by Elisabeth McConnel in which she complained of the Judgment the Session had formed on the following premises viz

Elisabeth McConnel appeared before Session by request, to state her reasons for non-attendance on the ordinances of the Church—

After observing that she had several reasons which she did not think worth while to mention; she stated that the principle reason of her non-attendance, was, that she could not agree with an opinion expressed by the Revd Robt Johnston in Bible-Class on the subject of falshood—

The opinion was, That there had been cases in which it was right to declare a deliberate non-truth, & to practice deception And that such or similar cases might possibly again occur— The cases referred to were those of the Hebrew Midwives & the wars of Canaan. ——

Session after maturely deliberating on the reasons assigned, were unanimously of opinion, that it was not sufficient to excuse her non-attendance in time past; as she had not used any means to obtain further explanation from the Pastor.

And therefore Judge, that she be admonished for the present to attend the means of Grace, & use the proper means to obtain satisfaction on the subject.

After some discussion, the Revd Messrs Wm. Speer & Wm. Wylie, with Charles Porter Elder, were appointed a committee to take the appeal into consideration, & report as soon as practicable.

Aplications for supplies were made by the Congns. of Salem, Mount Pleasant, Sawickly, Donegal, Wheatfield Saltsburgh & warren

The Committee on the appeal of Elisabeth McConnel presented their report, which was adopted & is as follows viz——

Resolved that Pby are of opinion that lying is a moral evil, & in no case to be justified—yet they believe that the Revd Robt Johnston in the above case expressed himself under such perticular limitations as are not likely to sanction the use of falsehood in any future case—

And tho' the P,b,y, do not entirely justify the conduct of the appellant in absenting herself from the public ordinances of the Gospel in that place yet they are of opinion, that with a full view of the circumstances in which she was placed, her conduct admits such paliation as authorises this P.b.y. to reverse the decision of Session—

The Revd John Ross by letter renewed his request for leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congn. of Summerset.

The commissioners from sd. Congn. having declared their acquiesence, P.b.y agreed to grant his request—& dismissed him to join the Pby of Washington Ohio

A call from the second Presbyn. Congn. of Pittsburgh for the Revd Elisha P Swift was presented to P.by & put into his hands; of which he declared his acceptance And the Revd Messrs Francis Herren Joseph Stockton Robt. Patterson & James Graham were appointed a committee to meet at Pittsburgh on the 1st Wednesday of November next to install him in sd. Congregation—

The Revd Robt Patterson was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Revd James Graham to preside and give the charge.

The Revd Robt Lee requested leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congn. of Salem; Commissioners from sd. Congn. being present, & acquiesing in the above request, it was therefore granted

The Commissioners to the Genl. Asembly reported that they, with the exception of Mr John M Snowden, had fulfilled their appointment

The Committee to whom the subject of an education society had been referred, having failed to report; P.b.y agreed to defer that business untill their meeting in April next

The Revd George Hill reported that the difficulties between him & Donegal Congn. had been satisfactorily adjusted—

The committee appointed to install the Revd Wm Wylie in the Congn.

of Uniontown reported that they had performed the duties assigned them.

The committee appointed to install the Revd Wm. Swan in the Congn. of Long-Run reported that they had performed the duties assigned them

The Revd James Gutherie withdrew his request for leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the congregations of Laurel Hill & Tyrone -

Received for the W Missionary Society from the Congn. of Greensburgh twelve dollars seventy two cents & from Congruity six dollars which was intrusted to the Revd Messrs Swift & Patterson to pay over to the Treasurer of Said Society

The Revd Messrs Elisha P Swift & Robt Lee, with the Elders Thos Davis & Peter Wallace obtained leave of absence——

The Revd Dr. Power was appointed to supply at discression untill next meeting of Pby—The Revd Saml. Porter 4th Sab. of October at Sawickly & one Sab. at Salem—

The Revd George Hill one Sab. at Salem & one at Wheatfield—The Revd Wm. Swan two sab.s at discretion—The Revd Wm. Spear two Sab.s at discretion —The Revd Robt Lee 4th Sab. October at Salem & the 5th Sab October at Kittaning & the remainder of his time at discretion untill the next meeting Pby——

The Revd Robt Patterson 2 Sab.s at discretion—The Revd Wm. Wylie 2 Sab.s in Union Congn.—The Revd Robt Johnston one Sab at Sawickly & one at discretion—The Revd James Gutherie 2 Sabs. at discretion—The Revd Joseph Henderson one Sab at Saltsburgh & one at discretion—The Revd John Reed 2 Sabs at discretion—The Revd Francis Herren 2 Sabs. at discretion—The Revd Francis Laird one Sab. at Mount Pleasant & one at Sawickly—The Revd Wm Johnston 2 Sabs at Sandy creek——

The Revd Elisha P Swift was appointed to open P.b.y at their next meeting & the Revd John Reed, his alternate

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly on the 3d Tuseday of April next

Concluded with prayer.

Sawickly *April* 18 1820

Pby met according to adjournment & was opened by Mr Thomas Cambel, a Licentiate from the Pby of Route Ireland, with a sermon on 1 Cor: 2: 2.

The Moderator being absent, The Moderator of last year took the chair constituted with prayer

Members present viz—

Revd Messrs; Saml. Porter—Wm. Swan—Wm Spear—Francis Laird Francis Herron—Robert Lee—Wm. Wylie Robt Patterson—

Robt Johnston – James Graham – James Gutherie—Wm. Johnston—Ashbel G Fairchild—Flisha P Swift & John Reed—

With the Elders—John S Adair – Robt Fulton—John Black—John Cowan John Shaw, – Patrick Power – Patrick Watson—John Blythe —Wm. Hartuple James Caldwell – James Coulter & John Douglas—

Absent The Revd Messrs James Power D D.—Joseph Henderson —George Hill—Jos Stockton & Asa Brooks ——

P b y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator pro tem, whereupon the Revd Wm. Wylie was chosen

The Revd Messrs Francis Herron Francis Laird James Graham William Johnston & A. G. Fairchild assigned reasons for absense from the last meeting of P b y which were sustained.

On enquiry it appeared that the appointments to Supply had been generally fulfilled.—

The committee appointed to install the Revd Elisha P Swift in the 2d Presbn. Congregation of Pittsburgh reported that they had performed the duty assigned them—

The Revd Aretus Loomis Late a member of the central association of Hampshire County Massachusetts expressed a desire of becoming a member of this P b y. And having produced testimonials of his good standing, and declared his approbation of the standards & discipline of our Church, was received & took his seat

A call was presented to P b y from the upper Congn. of Tygarts valey for one half of the Ministerial Labours of the Revd Aretas Loomis promissing him annally one hundred & ninety dollars, & also a call from the lower Congn. of Tyggarts valey for one fourth part of his ministerial labours promissing him one hundred dollars, which were put into his hands, & of which he declared his acceptance –

Adjourned to meet at Nine O clock to (morrow) morning—

concluded with prayer

Wednesday 19th

P b y met according to adjournment:

Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The committee appointed on the subject of an education Society, reported; that in their opinion, it is both expedient & practicable; & therefore recommend the formation of an Education Society, auxiliary to Board of Education under the care of the Genl. Assembly; & that the constitution recommended by that Board to auxiliaries be adopted

P b y accepted the report & after mature deliberation proceeded to

form an Education-Society, auxiliary to the Board of Education under the care of the Genl. Assembly to be knowon by the name of the Education-Society of Redstone———

The Revd Robt Lee obtained leave of absence.

The treasurer of the commissioners fund reported collections from the following congregations viz

	D	C,ts		D.	C,ts
Plumb-creek	5	00	Bethel	1	80
Poke-Run	2	03	Unity	4	15
Highlands	5	74	Greensburgh	6	25
2d Presn Congn. Pittsburgh	11	00	Dunlaps creek & Brownsville for 2 years	22	45
Buelah	3	00	1st. Presn Congn. Pittsburgh	19	00
Rehoboth	6	40	Long-run	2	78
Round-hill	3	60	Indiana & Gilgal	5	00
Congruity for 2 years	6	27			
Salem for last year	3	00			
Laurel Hill	2	75	total	110	22

The Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society reported contributions from the following Congns. & Societies viz

	D.	Cts.		D.	Cts.
Long-Run	18	39	Plumb creek & poke run	16	78
Bethel	5	00	Female Cent Society of Pittsburgh	57	00
Dunlaps-creek young mens Missionary Society	12	00	Collection in the first Presbn Church Pittsburgh	23	50
Dunlaps creek Female Cent Society	17	20	brought forward	77	84
Dunlaps Creek & Brownsville collection	25	25			
	77	84		175	12

An application for supplies was recieved from the Congn. of Salem: stating, that owing to some difficulties, the injunction of P b,y at their last meeting had not been complied with; & that nothing but the interference of P b y would remove those difficulties.

Whereupon the Revd Messrs Saml. Porter, Wm. Speer & George Hill; with the Elders Thos Polock Joseph Baldridge & John S Adair, were apointed a committee to meet at Salem on the 2d Tuseday of May next, at 12 o clock to inquire into & adjust those difficulties, & report to P b y at their next meeting———

On motion resolved that it be injoined on all persons holding reciepts or other documents necessary to adjust the aforesaid difficulties, to lay them before said Committee at the time & place above stated.

Messrs John Shaw & Wm. Hartuple Elders obtained leave of absence

Reports were recieved from the following Congregations

Names of Churches	Total in Communion as per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed.	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Baptized		
		On Examinat'n	On Certificate					Infants	Adults	Total
Long-Run	76	16	4	2	2		92	21	5	26
Unity	170	8	2	2	5	1	172	14	3	17
Greensburgh	42	5	0	1	0	1	45	8	2	10
1 Presbn. Congn. Pittsburgh		19	2	2	11	0		23		
Highland	104	12	0	1	0	0	115	19	5	24
Rehoboth & Round hill	168	21	3	2	7	2	181	31	7	38
Laurel hill & Tyrone	205	5	0	2	4	1	203	12	1	13
Morgantown	31	43	1	3	4	1	67	11	7	18
Georges Creek.	0	4	9	0	0	0	13	2	0	2

Congregational settlements were reported viz By the Revd Saml Porter, that the Congn of Congruity had fulfilled their engagements untill April 1st 1819

By the Revd James Gutherie, that Tyrone Congn were indebted to him in a ballance of $26. October 1st 1819

By the Revd Robt Johnston, that Rehoboth Congn had fulfilled their engagements untill the 1st Jenuary 1820 that Round-hill were indebted at that time in a ballance of $231: 4¾

By the Revd Wm Swan that Sawickley Congn had discharged in full all demands against them, & that Long Run Congn. were indebted Aprile 21st. 1820 $292: 13

The Revd Messrs Wm. Wylie Wm Speer & Ashbel G Fairchild, were apointed commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly, & the Clerk was ordered to furnish them with commissions

On motion resolved that our commissioners to next Genl Assembly, instead of recieving any share of its funds, be instructed to retain forty dollars each to meet his expences, & to pay over the ballance (if any) to the Treasurer of the Commissioner's fund of the Genl Assembly

The Congregations of Allegheny town & Pine creek, requested that the Revd Joseph Stockton be appointed to supply them statedly for one year, which was granted

A letter was received & read from some members of Glade run Congn. requesting the advice & direction of P.b.y respecting a Mr David Barclay whom they had employed as a supply in conjunction with some other Societies for one year, under the impression that he would connect himself with the P b y of Redstone

On motion resolved that the Revd Messers Saml. Porter & Francis

Herron be a committee to report on the subject as soon as convenient

Whereas it was found upon enquiry that several congregations have neglected to make collections for the Missionary & commissioners funds, it was on motion resolved that the Stated clerk be directed to address a line to each of those congregations, requesting them to pay a strict attention to the order of Pby on this subject, & that collections be forthwith taken up & forwarded to the Tresurers—

Mr Thos. Cambell a licentiate from the P b y of Route in Ireland produced satisfactory testimonials of his regular dismission from said P b y & requested the appointment of a few supplies.

Whereupon he was appointed to supply the fourth Sabb. of Aprile at Saweekly, & the 5th at Mount pleasant—

On motion resolved that each Member of P b y supply 2 Sabbs. between this & the next meeting of Pby

The Revd Saml. Porter was appointed to supply two Sabbs. at discretion—

The Revd Wm Swan, one Sabb at discretion—

The Revd Wm. Speer two Sabbs. at discretion—

The Revd Francis Herron one Sabb at Union-Town & one at discretion—

The Revd Francis Laird one Sabb. at discretion, & to administer the Lord's Supper at Sawickly the last Sabb of August & the Revd Wm. Swan to assist him—

The Revd Robt Johnston to administer the Lords Supper at Mount pleasant the 2d Sabb. of June & the Revd James Graham to assist, & each one Sabb at discretion—

The Revd Robt Patterson two Sabbs at discretion—

The Revd James Gutherie one Sabb at Morgantown, & one at discretion—

The Revd Wm. Johnston two Sabbs at discretion—

The Revd Elisha P Swift two Sabbs at discretion—

The Revd John Reed one Sabb in the forks of Black lick & one at discretion—

The Revd Aretas Loomis two Sabbs together with one fourth part of his time at discretion—

The Revd Joseph Henderson two Sabbs. at discretion—

The Revd George Hill two Sabbs at discretion—

The Revd Joseph Stockton two Sabbs at discretion—

The Revd Asa Brooks two Sabbs at discretion—

Dr James Power to supply at discretion

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at (9) o clock
concluded with prayer—

THIRSDAY 20*th*

P b y met agreeably to adjournment Members present as above except the Revd Messers Wm. Wylie & John Reed who had obtained leave of absence— After prayer the minutes of last session were read —

P b y proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion in their

bounds; & the Revd Messers Wm Speer Robt Johnston & Elisha P Swift were appointed a committee to take notes & draft a report on the subject

The committee appointed on the request of the Congn. of Glade Run reported the following resolution which was adopted viz

That information be given to sd. Congn. in connection with others, that it is contrary to the order & discipline of our Church to employ any Minister to settle or officiate among them otherwise than thro' the medium of this P b y, & that P b y require that this order be strictly adhered to by all the congregations under their care.

The standing committee of Pby having resigned, it was on motion resolved. that the Revd, Messers Francis Herron, James Graham Robt Patterson & Elisha P Swift be a standing committee for the purpose of examining the credentials of travelling Ministers & Licentiates & making them appointments untill the ensuing meeting of P b y—

Mr Robt Baird a student in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, from the bounds of this P b y, (by letter) desired leave to put himself under the care of some P b y in that Country, which was granted, & the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a coppy of this minute.—

Adjourned to meet in Greensburgh on the third Tuseday of October next

Concluded with prayer

Examined & approved thus far

Robt Johnston Modr

GREENSBURGH *October* 17 1820

Pby met agreeably to adjournment constituted by prayer Members present viz

The Revd Mess Saml. Porter Wm. Spear Francis Laird Francis Herron Wm. Wylie Robert Lee Robert Patterson James Gutherie Wm. Johnston & Elisha P Swift with the Elders Robert Shields Robert Graham Saml. Hill Hugh Wright Francis Vance James Kirkpatrick John Leasur James Cowen John Hannon & Thos Davis—

Absent the Revd Mess James Power D D Joseph Henderson George Hill Wm. Swan James Graham Robert Johnston Joseph Stockton Ashbel G Fairchild John Reed Asa Brooks & Aretas Loomis.

P b y proceeded to elect a Moderator & Clerk, & the Revd Saml. Porter was chosen Moderator & the Revd Elisha P Swift Clerk for the ensuing year

Mr James Every, a commissioner from the congregation of McKeesport, presented a request from sd. congregation that they be permitted

to apply to the P.b.y of Ohio for a part of the Ministerial labours of the Revd Boyd Mercer as a stated supply for one year; which was granted

The Revd Robt Johnston appeared & assigned reasons for not coming sooner which were sustained—

The minutes of the last session were now read

On enquiry it appeared that the Members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply

The Revd David Barclay formerly of the P.b.y. of Newton produced a copy of his dismission from sd. P.b.y. with a certificate of his good standing, & desired to become a member of this P.b.y. After some enquiries & discussion his request was made the order of the day for to morrow morning.

Applications for supplies were presented from the congregations of West-Sawickly—& Salt-lick valey—and also from Plumb creek Harmony & Glade-run requesting that the Revd David Barclay be appointed a stated supply in these congregations at discretion

The congregation of Long-run on account of the indisposition & consequent suspension of the Ministerial labours of their Pastor the Revd Wm Swan requested some supplies which was granted it being understood that their Pastor concurred with them in this request.—

The standing committee reported that at a meeting held in the City of Pittsburgh Sepr. 6: 1820 the Revd Allen D. Cambel presented satisfactory credentials showing that he was a Minister of the Gospel in good standing in the Asociate reformed Church & member of the Pby of Monongohela late in connection with that body & expressed a desire to connect himself with the Genl. Assembly by becoming a Member of the P.b.y of Redstone Mr Campbel also stated that he had recieved an invitation to take the Pastoral charge of the congn. of Nashville in the P b y of West Tennessee & that he considered it an indispensible duty to return to that Congn. before the next meeting of P b y.

Resolved that Mr Campble's request together with his credentials be laid before P b y at their next meeting, & that Mr Campbel be furnished with a coppy of this minute

P b y after some discussion of the Revd A. D. Campbels request adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O clock—

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 o clock

P b y met agreeably to adjournment. After prayer the minutes of the Last session were read

The Revd. Ashbel G Fairchild now present his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

The oppening sermon agreeably to an order of P.b.y, was delivered last evining by the Revd Elisha P Swift on Acts 5: 29

P b y resumed the unfinished business of yesterday and after mature deliberation, it was on motion resolved that Mr Cambel's request be granted & that he be, & hereby is received as a member of this Pby

P b y proceeded to the order of the day & after due deliberation resolved that the request of the Revd David Barcklay be granted

While P b y do this they feel constrained distinctly to state, that while they simpathize with Mr Barclay in the peculiar circumstances in which his family were placed, they decidedly disaprove of his conduct in delaying so long after his dismission from the P b y of Newton to make this application & in continuing to preach within our bounds without leave from P b y

The Revd Allen D Cambel, thro a Member of P b y presented a request to be dismissed from this P.b.y to connect himself with P b y of West Tennessee which was granted.

Ordered that the clerk transmit to Mr Cambel an attested coppy of the proceedings of P b y in his case together with a certificate of his good standing in the Ministry

A letter was recieved from Alexander Erwin Esqr. stating that there is considerable discussion & dispute in the congn. of Roundhill on the question. Is it at any time or on any occasion lawful to tell a deliberate untruth, a lie, or to practice deception & is all falsehood, deception disimulation, & hypocracy immoral & contrary to the holiness of God. & desiring an answer in writing

P b y referred Mr Erwin to a former decision of P b y in the case of an appeal of Elisabeth M'Connel from a decision of the session of Roundhill

A letter signed Jonothan Ayers complaining of the proceedings of the Revd John Reed in the case of Joshua Lewes Esqr, a member of the session of Gilgal Congn. was presented and read But neither of the parties being present it was determined that P b y can take no order on the subject.

Ordered that the clerk furnish Mr Ayers with a coppy of this minute

It being suggested that Mr Thos Davis an Elder in the 2d Presbn. Church in Pittsburgh possessed, in the estimation of several members of this Pby such qualifications & talents as should induce this Pby to take him on trials for licensure to preach the Gospel --

P b y having recieved sufficient testimonials of his good moral character & regular standing in the Church agreed to take him on trials for licensure—

Accordingly P b y proceeded to examine Mr Davis on his experimental acquaintance with religion, & having sustained his answers as part of trials, he was directed to prepare a homoly on 2 Cor 9: 18: "For we all with open face behold &c to be read at our next meeting & also to be prepared for examination on the arts & sciences

The committee appointed to enquire into & adjust the difficulties between the congregation of Salem & their late Pastor reported that they attended to the business assigned them & were, after hearing the parties, & examining their vouchers unanimously of opinion that the congregation of Salem should pay the Revd Robert Lee two hundred & forty dollars in full of his demands against said Congn. & that the parties acquiesed in this desicion—

On motion the report of the committee was accepted & their conduct approved.

Resolved that the sum allowed by vacant congregations to those appointed to supply be changed from eight to five dollars per Sabbath.

The following supplies were appointed viz

The Revd Saml. Porter 1 Sabbath at Salem & one at discretion.
Wm. Speer 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Francis Herron 1 Sabb. at Sawickley & one at discretion
Francis Laird 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Wm. Wylie 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Robert Lee 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Robt Patterson 1 Sabb at W. Sawickley & one at discretion
Robt Johnston 1 Sabb at Sawickly & one at discretion
James Graham 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Joseph Stockton 1 Sabb at W. Sawickly & one at discretion
James Gutherie 1 Sabb at Salt lick valey & one at discretion
Wm Johnston 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Ashbel G Fairchild 1 Sabb at Mount pleasant & one at discretion
Elisha P Swift 2 Sabbaths at discretion
John Reed 2 Sabbaths at discretion
David Barclay 2 Sabbaths at discretion

The Tresurer of the western Missonary Society reported collections from the following congregations & societies viz

From the female cent society of Pittsburgh	$21 66½
From the 1st Presbn. Church Pittsburgh collection	21 10
From the female cent society Dunlaps creek	26 95
From the young men's society Dunlaps creek	9 50
From the Congns. of Poke-run & Plumb creek collection	8 78

The Revd Robt Johnston was appointed to open the next meeting of P b y

Adjourned to meet in the 2d Presbn Church Pittsburgh the 3d Monday of Jenuary next concluded with prayer

PITTSBURGH *Jenuary* 15 1821

Pby met agreably to adjournment & was constituted with prayer by the Revd Francis Herron the Moderator being absent

Members present Revd Mess Francis Herron Joseph Stockton — Robt Patterson— Robt Johnston— James Graham— David Barclay— & Elisha P Swift Absent The Revd Mess James Power D D. — Joseph Henderson Saml. Porter — George Hill— Wm. Swan Wm. Speer— Francis Laird — Wm Wylie — Robt Lee— James Gutherie— Wm Johnston John Reed— Ashbel G Fairchild— Asa Brooks & Aretas Loomis

The minutes of the last meeting of P b y were read

The Revd Joseph Patterson a Member of the P b y of Ohio being present, was invited & took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Revd Francis Herron was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Jonothan Ayers renewed in person his complaint against the Revd John Reed & the session of Gilgal Congn. for refusing to recieve & issue a charge of slander preferred by him against Joshua Lewes Esqr Ruling Elder in sd Church P b y after due consideration resolved that the Revd John Reed & his session be directed to recieve & issue the aforesaid charge

Ordered that the Clerk forward to Mr Reed a coppy of the above resolution

At 6 O clock the opening sermon was delivered by the Revd Robt Johnston on Eph 2: 8.——

The Revd Francis Laird appeared & his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

Mr Andrew O Patterson a Licentiate from the P b y of Washington requested to be taken under the care of this P b y, & having produced a certificate of his good standin(g), & regular dismission from that P b y his request was granted

A call from the congregation of Mount pleasant for one half of the Ministerial Labours of Mr Andrew O Patterson was presented to P b y & also a similar call from the congn. of Sawickley promising him two hundred & fifty dollars each for one half of his Ministerial Labours so long as he continued their regular Pastor.

The calls were put into Mr Patterson's hands, of which he declared his acceptance

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine oclock.
concluded with prayer

TUESDAY MORNING 9 O clock

P b y met agreeably to adjournment constituted with prayer Members present as above

Minutes of the last Session were read

P b y proceeded to examine Mr Patterson on his experimental acquaintance with religion & sustained his answers as part of trials, & appointed him to prepare a sermon on Rom 8: 1 to be delivered at our next meeting as part of trials for ordination

Mr Thos Davis read a homoly on the subject assigned him at our last meeting which was sustained as part of trials

P b y proceeded to examine Mess Patterson & Davis on natural & moral Philosophy, and sustained their answers—

Mr Davis was appointed to prepare a Presbyterial exercise on John 1: 1: 2: 3 & a lecture on the 23d Psalm to be exhibitted at the nex(t) meeting of P b y

P b y agreed to ordain Mr Andrew O Patterson at their next meeting should the way be prepared for that event & the Revd Elisha P Swift was appointed to preach on the occasion & the Revd James Graham to preside & give the charge

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly on the third Tuesday of April next
concluded with prayer

SAWICKLY *April* 17 1821

P b y met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Mr Andrew O Patterson on the subject asigned him at their last meeting Constituted with prayer—

Members present

Revd. Mess Francis Herron—Francis Laird—Joseph Stockton—Robt Patterson—Robt Johnston James Graham David Barclay—Wm Wylie—Robert Lee—James Gutherie—Wm. Johnston—Ashbel G Fairchild—Elisha P Swift—John Reed--& Asa Brooks—With the Elders

Mess Joseph Cuningham--Joshua Lewis-- Henry Fulton—Wm. Bell--Robt Fulton--Wm Marchal--Wm. Semple. Wm. Blair & John Morison--

Absent The Revd Mess James Power D D. Joseph Henderson—Saml. Porter George Hill Wm Spear Wm. Swan & Aretas Loomis

The minutes of the last stated, & intermediate meetings were read.

The Revd Wm Wylie was chosen Moderator pro tem:

The Revd Mess J. Stockton John Reed & David Barclay assigned

reasons for absence from the last stated meeting which were sustained

On enquiry it appeared that the members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply

The Revd Wm. Wylie Robt Lee James Gutherie Wm. Johnston John Reed & Ashbel G Fairchild assigned reasons for non-attendance at the last meeting of P.b.y which were sustained—

Mr Thos Davis read a lecture on the subject assigned him by P b y which was sustained as part of trials

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 Oclock

concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning 9 Oclock

Pby met according to adjournment Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Revd Mess Saml Porter & Wm. Speer appeared & assigned reasons for not coming sooner which were sustained

P b y after examining & sustaining the discourse delivered by Mr Andrew O Patterson on yesterday as part of trials for ordination proceeded to examine him on Theology Eclesiastical history & church government, & having received satisfaction on these & all other parts of trial Resolved to proceed to his ordination--And did by solemn prayer & the laying on of the hands of the P b y ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry & installed him the regular Pastor of the United Congns. of Sawickly & Mount pleasant——The Revd Elisha P Swift preached on the occasion & the Revd James Graham presided & give the charge

Application for supplies was recieved from the congregations of Saltsburg, West Sawickly, Warren, Kittanning, Crossings & Saltlick-valey. --& Salem for supplies & the administration of the Lords Supper

The Congregations of Harmony Lower Plumb creek & Glade run presented a request for the Revd David Barclay as a stated supply which was granted—

Adjourned to meet at Robbstown to morrow morning 9 Oclock

concluded with prayer

Thirdsday morning 9 oclock

Pby met according to adjournment Members present as above After prayer the minutes of the last session were read--

Mr Thos. Davis read a Presbeterial exercise on the subject previously (assigned) him which was sustained as part of trials

The Revd Thaddeus Osgood from the Genl Association of Massechusetts proper being present was invited & took his seat as a corresp̄g. member

A motion was made & seconded, to reconsider the vote of the last stated meeting of P b y, on the reception of Mr Thos Davis as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, predicated on the apprehension of sundry Members, that *that* vote was not strictly constitutional.

After due deliberation, P b y unanimously resolved.

1st. That inasmuch as a variety of circumstances in the education & qualifications of Mr Davis, decidedly exhibit his case as an extraordinary one. And inasmuch as his expectations have been raised by that vote, his attention employed for a considerable time in preparatory studies, & as he has acquitted himself in examination on Religion--on the Sciences, & also in sundry trial discourses to the satisfaction of P b y —that it is incumbent on this P b y to proceed with Mr Davis according to the original vote in his case—

2dly. That altho' this proceeding is admitted in this particular case, under the influence of considerations & circumstances, of such peculiarity, as reconcile us to progress in the course on which we have entered, this is to form no precedent in future applications for licensure as this P b y highly esteem the salutary provision of our constitution to protect the church from the great injury which would result from the admission of men into the Gospel Ministry without the benefit of an education which may correctly be called liberal

Reports were recieved from the following Congregations Viz

Names of Churches	Total in commun. as per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Comn.	Baptised		
		On examination	On Certificate					Infants	Adults	Total
Greensburgh	45	4	4	1	3		49	10	1	11
Unity	173	7	1	1		1	179	8	3	11
1st. Presbn. Church Pittsburgh	180	23	7	4	29	3	174	27	1	28
Union Town		22	4							
Allageny Town & Pine creek	65	15		3	2		75	25	3	28
Highlands	115	7		1	5		116	5		5
Rehoboth & Round hill	181	18	11	4	12		194	38	7	45
Beulah	135	14	6	2		1	142	35	1	36
Laurel hill & Tyrone	203	7	4	3	6	2	203	16		16
Dunlaps creek & Brownsville	152	21		1			172	23	5	28
Morgantown	67	3		1	5		64	6		6
Georges Creek	11	15	3				20	11	1	12
2 Presn. Church Pittsburgh	93	21	7	2	7	0	111	23	4	27
Long Run	92	10	2		5		99	16	2	18
Tygarts valey	9	15	3				27	10	1	11

The Revd Mess Wm Speer, Francis Herren & Robt Johnston Ministers with John M Snowden Elder were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl Assembly

P b y proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion in their bounds & the Revd Mess Robt Patterson & Elisha P Swift were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject to send up to the next Genl. Assembly

P b y, after hearing the reports on the state of religion, being deeply impressed with the low state of vital piety in their bounds

Resolved that the first Monday of July next be appointed as a day of special humiliation fasting & prayer to Almighty God that he would pour out the influences of his holy Spirit upon our churches & revive his work—

The following supplies were appointed viz.

The Revd Mess
Saml Porter 2 Sabbaths at Salem—
Francis Laird 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Wm Wylie 1 Sabb at Greensburgh & one at discretion
James Graham 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Joseph Stockton 2 Sabbaths at discretion
David Barclay 2 Sabbaths at discretion
James Guthrie 1 Sabb. at Saltlick & one at Round hill
Wm. Johnston 1 Sabb. at Rehoboth & one at discretion
Ashbel G Fairchild 1 Sabb at Middle town & one at discretion
Elisha P Swift 2 Sabbaths at discretion.
John Reed 1 Sabb at Salem & one at Kettanning
Robt Patterson 2 Sabbaths at discretion
Andrew O Patterson 1 Sabb. at Unity & one at discretion
Robt Lee 2 Sabbaths at Kittaning & the remainder of his time at discretion untill the next meeting of P b y

The Revd Robt Lee obtained leave of absence for the remaining sessions of P b y

The Tresurer of the Missionary fund reported the following collections

		Dol				Dol.	cents
From Greensburgh	—	10	7½	Brownsville	—	18	75
Unity	—	6	00	Dunlap's Creek	—	7	57

The Treasurer of the commissioners fund reported the following contributions

From 1st Presbn Church Pittsburgh	10	37½		Indiana & Gilgal		5	00
2 Presbn. Church Pittsburgh	4	50		Rehoboth & Round hill		4	00
Dunlaps creek & Brownsville	11	75		Plum creek	—	2	55
Union Town —	7	85		Congruity	—	2	
Highlands —	5	55		Sawickly & Mt. Pleasant		5	
Unity —	5	75		Laurel hill & Tyrone		3	79
Beulah	1	50					

By certificate from the Tresurer of Congruity Congn. it appeared that they had ful(fil)led their engagements to their Pastor untill Aprile 1820

By certificate from the Tresurer of Rehoboth Congn it appeared that they had fulfilled their engagements to their Pastor untill Jenuary 1821

By certificate from the Treasurer of Round-hill Congn it appeared that they stood indebted to their Pastor on the first of Jennary 1821 in a ballance of $392—

Agreeably to the order of Genl Assembly P b y proceeded to examine the revised form of government & forms of process chapter by chapter, & section by section & adopted the whole with the following exceptions Chapter 9th. Secn. 4 Last clause excepted—Chap' 10 secn. 5. excepted in toto · chapr 12 secn. 5 Middle clause viz (on such terms as may be agreed upon by the Assembly & the correspond(ing) body,) excepted—Chapr 3d. secn. 5 forms of process the words. "It must be general, or widely spread:—it must not be transient but permanent, & rather gaining strength than declining," excepted

The Revd John Reed informed P b y that Jonothan Ayers had neglected hitherto to prosecute his charge against Joshua Lewis Esqr, & having good reason to believe he never intended to prosecute it, requested P b y to recind the order of last meeting on that subject, to which the P b y unanimously agreed—

Mr Thos Davis was directed to prepare a lecture on SPalm 110 to be delivered at their next meeting

Resolved that a former injunction of P b y on the subject of collections for the Missionary, & commissioner's funds, & for the education Society, be particularly enforced on the attention of the Congregations within our bounds by every Minister in his own charge, & also on the attention of any vacancy which may be in circumstances to contribute by the Minister who shall first supply them, & provide that order shall be taken for raising and forwarding collections for the above purposes to the proper Treasurer of each fund as soon as practicable, & that each member render an account of his proceedings at our Spring meetings.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the third Tuseday of October next

Concluded with prayer—

Examined & approved thus far

Obadiah Jennings Modr.

Rehoboth *October* 16 1821

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened by Mr Thos. Davis, with a lecture on the subject assigned him at our last meeting.

Members present	With the Elders
Revd Mess Wm. Swan Wm Speer	Saml– Fleming James Wilson
Francis Heron Francis Laird	
Robert Lee Wm. Wylie	Benjamin Laughead
Robt Patterson Robt Johnston	Robt Highland John Wright
James Gutherie James Graham	Patrick Watson
Wm Johnston Ashbel G Fairchild	George Gallaher
Elisha P. Swift & Andrew O Patterson	Thos Davis & John Vance

Absent the Revd Mess James Power D. D, Joseph Henderson, Saml. Porter, George Hill, Joseph Stockton, David Barklay, John Reed, Asa Brooks, & Aretas Loomis.—

After prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read

Pby proceeded to the election of Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year; & the Revd Wm Johnston was chosen Moderator, & the Revd Ashbel G Fairchild Clerk

The Revd Wm Swan assigned reasons for non-attendance at the last three meetings of Pby, which were sustained.

On enquiry it appeared, that the Members had, generally, fulfilled their appointments to supply.

It also appeared, that the day of fasting & prayer, appointed at our last meeting, had been generally observed.

The Congregation of McKeesport, by their Commissioner, presented a request, for leave to apply to the Pby of Ohio, for one fourth of the Ministerial labours of the Revd Boyd Mercer, for one year: which was granted

The Revd Robt Patterson obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Revd Mess Wm. Wylie, Wm. Speer, & Elisha P Swift were appointed a committee, to devise measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of Synod relative to a new division of the Presbyteries.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine Oclock;

concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning 9 *Oclock.*

Pby met according to adjournment; after prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A memorial was presented, by the Elders of the Congn. of Fairfield, stating, that an unhappy difference existed between their Pastor, the Revd George Hill, & Thomas Pollock Esqr a Member of Session; & praying the interference of Pby in the case.

Resolved that the Revd Mess Wm. Wylie, Francis Laird, James

Graham & Andrew O Patterson; with Mess Joseph Baldridge & John Barnett Elders, be appointed a committee, to meet on Tuseday the 6th. of November next, at 11 Oclock, to attend to the request; & to report to P b y at their next meeting Resolved that either party, on giving timely notice to the other, shall be authorized to take testimony previous to the meeting of the Committee

P b y proceeded to consider the lecture delivered by Mr Thos Davis & agreed to sustain it as part of trials; & Rom 6: 22 was assigned him as the subject of a popular sermon; to be delivered at our next meeting Resolved that the Revd Mess Francis Herron & Robt Johnston, be a committee to settle with the Treasurer of the commissioner's fund, & report to P b y

On motion resolved that each Member of Pby supply one Sabbath, between this, & the next stated meeting

The following supplies were appointed viz—

The Revd Saml Porter 1 Sabbath at Salem
The Revd Wm. Wylie 1 Sabbath at the Crossings.
The Revd James Gutherie 1 Sabbath at Salt Lick
The Revd Mess George Hill, Wm. Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird Joseph Stockton, Robt Patterson Robt Johnston, James Graham, Wm- Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, Elisha P Swift, Andrew O Patterson, Asa Brooks, & Aretas Loomis, each one Sabbath at discretion; & the Revd Robt Lee to supply at discretion untill the next stated meeting of P b y

The committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of the Commissioner's fund reported, that after due examination, it appeared that there remained in his hands a ballance of two dollars & eleven cents

On motion resolved, that Pby take order, to comply, as far as practicable, with the recommendation of Synod, on the subject of visiting the Congregations.

P b y agreed that their next stated meeting be held at Long Run

Adjourned to meet at Greensburgh on the 2d Tuseday of February next.

Concluded with prayer

GREENSBURGH *February* 12 1822

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened by Mr Thomas Davis, with a sermon, on the subject assigned him at their last meeting Constituted with prayer.

Members present, the Revd Mess Saml- Porter, Wm- Speer, David Barclay, Francis Herron, Wm- Wylie Robert Johnston, & Andrew O Patterson. With the Elders

Benjn. Allsworth, Paul Morrow, John Hannon, & Henry Fulton.— Absent the Revd Mess James Power D D, Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Wm. Swan Francis Laird, Joseph Stockton, Robt Lee, James Graham, Robt Patterson James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston John Reed, Ashbel G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, Elisha P Swift & Aretas Loomis

The Revd Saml Porter was chosen Moderator, & the Revd Wm. Wylie clerk pro tem.

The Revd Mess Saml Porter & David Barclay assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of P b y which were sustained

The committee appointed at the request of the session of Fairfield Congn., in relation to a difference existing between the Revd George Hill, & Thos Pollock Esqr, reported, & the report was adopted, & is as follows viz

FAIRFIELD *Novr.* 6 1821

The committee appointed by the P b y of Redstone, to accomodate a difference existing between the Revd George Hill Pastor, & Thomas Pollock Esqr Elder of Fairfield Church, met agreab(l)y to appointment in Fairfield Church. Present the Revd Mess Wm Wylie & Andrew O Patterson; with Josep(h) Baldrige Elder. Mr Wylie in the chair

After prayer, the session of Fairfield Church, being called upon for information, respecting the matter of difference referred to in their memorial, were heard in explanation at some length, to which succeeded the verbal statements of the Revd George Hill, & Thos Pollock the parties immediately concerned. When the parties had made considerable progress in their statements, the Revd Francis Laird, & John Barnett arrived, & were informed of the course which had been pursued, & of the amount of information obtained: upon which the parties were permitted to proceed with their naratives alternately, untill it appeared, to be conceeded that the whole view of the subjects of disputation, both of those parts in which the several statements agreed, & of those, in which they differed, was pretty fully presented.

In this presentment; so different in many things were the statements: so confident were the parties of being able to prove those statements; so great the number of witnesses, to be severally employed; so extended & strong the feelings of the different sides: so numerous the items to be substantiated; so remote the commencement of the unhappy affair; so changed the complection & magnitude since its outset; so numerous its appendages, & necessarily, so different the memories of a great number of witnesses very differently interested, & especially respecting things for the most part casually introduced & now long since passed; that of course, an investigation must prove, so

lengthy, so involved, so irritating to many concerned, so fatal to the peace, if not to the existance of the Church of Fairfield, & so uncertain would be the attainment of Justice in the end; that the Committee felt peculiarly anxious to avoid an investigation entirely, if almost any kind of an accommodation could be effected. With this view, the parties were addressed from the chair. And after various propositions had been made, & some time spent by the Members of the committee conversing with each other, & with the parties individually, they agreed to the following statement viz

The Revd George Hill, & Thos Pollock Esqr deeply sensible of the importance of terminating, as far as possible, the unhappy difference which has for some time existed between them; & of promoting the peace of the Church of Jesus Christ, have agreed to bury in oblivion, every unfriendly occurrence which has taken place on either side. The Revd George Hill, also agreed to give Thomas Pollock a dismission from the Church of Fairfield. With this agreement the remaining members of the session of Fairfield declared themselves pleased.—

Concluded with prayer

P b y proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr Thos Davis & agreed to sustain it as a part of trials.

P b y proceeded to examine Mr Thos Davis on Theology, & after some progress, adjourned to meet to morrow morning at Nine O clock,

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning Nine Oclock.

P b y met according to adjournment; Members present as above.

After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

P. b y resumed the examination of Mr Davis on Theology, Eclesiastical-history & church-government, & sustained his answers as parts of trials.

At Greensburgh on the 13th day of February 1822 the P b y of Redstone having recieved sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr Thos Davis, that he possessed that knowledge of literature which the P b y thought competent in his case; of his good moral character; & of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; & he, having given satisfaction as to his literary attainments; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion & as to his proficiency in Divinity & other studies; the P b y did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & he, having adopted the confession of faith of this Church; & satisfactorily answered the questions, appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed;

the P b y did, and hereby do license him, the said Thomas Davis, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this P b y; or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Mr Thos Davis was appointed to supply the 4th Sabbath of February at Kittaning, 1st. Sabb. of March at Salem, 2d Sabb–at the forks of connemaugh, 3d Sabb at Wst Sawickly, 4th Sabb, at Salem, the 5th Sabb. at the Forks of Connemaugh: & the 1st. & 2d. Sabbaths of April at discretion

Adjourned to meet at Long Run on the 3d Tuesday of April next—
Concluded with prayer—

Long Run *April 16th* 1822

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened by the Revd David Barclay, with a sermon on Job 8, 13

Members present

Revd Mess Saml. Porter, Wm. Swan, Wm. Speer, Francis Herron, David Barclay, Joseph Stockdon, Wm. Wylie, Robert Patterson, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Elisha P– Swift, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Aretas Loomis, & Andrew O Patterson.

With the Elders

Mess John Steel, James Cowen, John Shaw, John Morrison, Wm Finley, Wm McCray, John Clark, John Ross, Thomas Davis, Thomas Potter, Peter Wallace, Wm. Gutherie & John Steel.

Absent the Revd Mess

James Power D D, Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Francis Laird Rober(t) Lee & Asa Brooks

After prayer, the Minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings were read—

The Revd Mess Joseph Stockdon, John Reed, & Aretas Loomis assigned reasons of absence at the last stated meeting which were sustained.

On enquiry it appeared that the appointments to supply were generally fulfilled—

The Revd Mess Swan, Laird, Stockton, R. Patterson, Graham, Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Reed, Fairchild, Swift & Loomis assigned reasons of absence at the last intermediate meeting, & the Revd F Laird also for not attending sooner which were sustained

The Revd John Andrews presented a dismission from the P b y of Chileicothe, with certificate of his good standing, & requested to be recieved as a Member of this P b y, which was granted

Aplications were made for supplies by the following Congregations

Viz; Kittaning, Saltsburgh, Salt-lick valey, Salem, & North Sawickly—

The Revd Wm. Swan, requested leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congn. of Long Run; whereupon the Congn. was cited to appear to morrow morning, by their commissioners, to show cause, if any they have, why the request should not be granted.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

P b y met according to adjournment: after prayer, the minutes of the last session were read—

Members present as above—

P b y proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Revd Mess Elisha P Swift & Ashbel G Fairchild were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject, to be presented to the next Genl. Assembly

The following Congregational reports were recieved Viz

Names of Churches	Total in Comn. as per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Baptized		Total
		On examination.—	On Certificate					Adults	Infants	
Congruity	180	15					195	7	52	59
Long Run	101	6		1	1		105		16	16
Greensburgh & Unity	263	11	5	2	8		269	1	24	25
1st Presbn Ch Pittsb'rg	174	17	8	4	24	4	167	1	28	29
Alleghany & Pine ck.	80	6	2	2	3		83	1	22	23
Uniontown	73	23	9		7		98	3	22	25
Highlands	117	11	1	3	8		118	2	18	20
Rehoboth & Round hill	194	10	3	3	9	1	194	5	20	25
Glade Run	25	27	3				55	2	17	19
Laurel hill & Tyrone	203	10	1	3	5	2	204	2	27	29
Dunlaps ck & Browns'e	150	22			3		169	7	18	25
2d Pres. Church Pitts'g	111	45	8		5	1	158	3	36	39
Georges Creek Morgantown & Greensburgh	115	29	15	5	16		138	5	15	20
Buchanan & French ck	46		1				47		4	4
Tygarts Valley	27	3	1				31		6	6
Sawickly & Mt pleasant	154	52	10	5	3		208	13	43	56
Total	2013	287	67	28	92	8	2233	52	368	420

The Treasurer of the Commissioners fund reported the following collections viz

Congruity	2 00	Laurel hill & Tyrone—	4 6
Greensburgh & Unity	10 63½	Dunlaps creek & Brownsville—	11 80
1st. Presbiterian Chh. Pittsburgh	11 20	Morgantown & Georges creek	5 00
Poke-Run	4 69	Alegheny & Pine creek	3 00
Highland——	3 40	2d Presbn. Church Pittsburgh—	6 83
Rehoboth & Round hill	5 2½	Sawickly & Mount pleasant	6 00

The Treasurer of the Missionary fund reported the following collections

Congruity	6 00	Dunlaps Creek & Brownsville	22	81	4
1st Presbn Church Pittsburgh	31 00	Sawickly & Mount pleasant	6	00	
Highlands	12 00				

P b y resumed the consideration of the Revd Wm. Swan's request, for liberty to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congn. of Long Run; & the Congregation having by their Commissioners, expressed their acquies(ce)nce, the request was granted

The Committee appointed at our last stated meeting, on the subject of a division of this P b y, presented a report, which after some amendment, was adopted & is as follows viz

In concurrence with the directions of the Synod of Pittsburgh; the P b y agreed to request sd. Synod, to detach the Revd Mess John Andrews, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, James Graham & Elisha P Swift from this P b y; & the Revd Mess Joseph Patterson & Thomas D Baird from the P b y of Ohio, with all those Congregations under the care of this P b y embraced within a line, commencing on the Monongahela near McKeesport, & continued in such manner to the Alleghany-river, as to include the Congregation of Beulah; thence with the South line of the P b y of Alleghany to the Ohio River; & thence to the place of begining, in such direction as to separate the Congregations of Montewrs, & Lebanon from the bounds of the P b y of Ohio, and passing within five miles of the City of Pittsburgh; to form a P b y to be known by the name of the P b y of Pittsburgh.

The Revd Mess Elisha P Swift, Ashbel G Fairchild, & Andrew O Patterson, with Mr Paul Morrow Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly & the Revd David Barclay was appointed, their alternate

The Revd Wm Wylie presented a request from the Trustees of the Congregation of Uniontown, stating, that in consequence of the peculiar imbarrassment of the times, & the removal, & contemplated removal of a number of their most efficient Subscribers, the Congn were unable to engage to Mr Wylie more than three hundred dollars a year for onehalf of his Ministerial services, & that they were reluctantly constrained to desire the P b y to release them from their former engagements to Mr Wylie.

The Revd Wm Wylie concurring with request, it was granted

The Revd Robert Lee presented a request to be dismissed from this P b y with a view to connect himself with the P b y of Richland, which

was granted, & he was accordingly dismissed as a member in good standing

The following supplies were appointed Viz The Revd Mess

Saml Porter one Sabbath at discretion
Wm Spear 1st. Sabbath of June at Mount Pleasant
Francis Laird one Sabbath at discretion
Francis Herron one Sabbath at discretion
David Barclay one Sabbath at Kittaning
John Andrews at N Sawickly as often as practicable
Joseph Stockton one Sabbath at discretion
Wm Wylie third Sabbath of May at Salem
Robert Patterson one Sabbath at discretion
Robert Johnston 3d Sabb May at Pittsburgh 2d Pn. Church
James Graham 1st Sabb June Pittsburgh 2d Prn. Church
Wm Johnston one Sabbath at Georges creek
James Gutherie one Sabbath at Morgantown
John Reed one Sabbath at Saltsburgh
Mr Thomas Davis 4th Sabbath May at Sawickly; 5 Sabbaths at Kittaning—two Sabbaths at the forks of Conemaugh—three Sabbaths at Salem—4th Sabbath of June at Saltlick—two Sabbaths at Donegal; & the rest of his time at discretion untill the next stated meeting of Pby.

P b y appointed their next stated meeting at Mount Pleasant on the 3d Tuseday of October next, & the Revd Ashbel G Fairchild to open P b y

Adjourned to meet at Georgescreek the 1st Tuseday of July next—
Concluded with prayer—

GEORGES CREEK *July 2d* 1822

P b y met according to adjournment, constituted with prayer—

Members present Revd Mess Wm Wylie Wm. Johnston, James Gutherie & As(h)bel G Fairchild: with the Elders Benjamin Laughead, & James Robenson

Absent the Revd Mrss James Power D D, Joseph Henderson, Saml Porter Wm Speer, Wm Swan, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, David Barclay, John Andrews Robert Johnston, Elisha P Swift John Reed, Asa Brooks, Aretas Loomis James Graham, & Andrew O Patterson—

P b y recieved the information that the Revd George Hill departed this life, on the 9th June last

The following calls were presented to P b y for the Revd Ashbel G Fairchild viz; one from Morgan town, promissing him $133:33 a year, for one third of his Ministerial labours; & one from the Congregation of Georges creek, promissing him $135 a year, for one third of his

Ministerial labours; & one from the Congn—of Greensburgh promissing him $65 for one sixth part of his ministerial labours.

Pby having recieved satisfactory evidence, that the calls had been regularly prepared, & also with regard to the disposal of the remainder of Mr Fairchild's time, agreed to put the calls into his hands; of which he declared his acceptance

The Congregations being present, in expectation of the event Pby proceeded to install the Revd Ashbel G Fairchild, the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Morgantown, Georges Creek, & Greensburgh.

The Revd Wm Wylie preached on the occasion, & the Revd Robert Johnston, ariving in due time, precided & gave the charge—

The Revd Robert Johnston assigned reasons for not attending sooner which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at Mount Pleasant the third Teusday of October next Concluded with prayer

Sessions of Synod, Octr. 4th. 1822. }
Examined & approved thus far. } Thomas E. Hughes Moderator

Mount pleasant *October* 15 1822

Pby met agreeably to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the Revd Wm Wylie, on Psalm 99: 9

Constituted with prayer

Members present: The Revd James Power D D, & the Revd Mrss Saml. Porter, Wm. Swan, Wm Speer, David Barclay, Wm Wylie Robt Johnston, James Gutherie, Wm Johnston, & Andrew O Patterson:

With the Elders, Ephraim A Robinson, John White, James Finley, Patrick Power, Joseph H Cuningham, Robt Baird, Hugh Wilson, Robt Fulton, Thos Pollock, Peter Wallace & Saml. Hill.

Absent The Revd Mrss Joseph Henderson, James Graham, Francis Laird, John Reed, Ashbel G Fairchild, Aretas Loomis, & Asa Brooks.

The Revd Mess John Andrews, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robt Patterson, & Elisha P Swift, with their several charges, & so much of the bounds of this P.b.y. as lies North & West of the rivers Ohio & Aleghany, were attached by the Synod of Pittsburgh, at their last meeting, to the Pb.y of Ohio.

The minutes of the last stated meeting & also of the intermediate meeting were read.

The Revd Mrss Saml Porter, Wm Speer Wm Swan, David Barclay, & Andrew O Patterson, assigned reasons for not attending the last intermediate meeting of P.b.y. which were sustained

The reasons assigned by the Revd Francis Laird, for not coming sooner were sustained. Aplications for supplies were made by the following Congns Viz: Donigal, Salt-Lick-Valley, Fairfield, Ligioner, & Long Run.

Calls from the United Congregations of Salem & West Union, each promising two hundred & 25 dollars anually, for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr Thos Davis, & also a call from the Congregation of Kittaning, promising two hundred dollars for the same proportion of labours, were presented to P b y; which they agreed to put into his hands.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning 9 oclock,

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr Thomas Davis declared his acceptance of the calls from the united congregations of Salem & West Union: & John 14:28 last clause was assigned him as the subject of a trial sermon for ordination, to be delivered at the next meeting of P b y.—

Resolved, that P.b.y. proceed to the ordination & instalment of Mr Thos Davis, at their next meeting; & that the Revd Robt Johnston be appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Revd Saml Porter to preside & give the charge.

The Revd Aretas Loomas presented a request for leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Tygarts Valey; & P.b.y agreed to cite sd. Congregation, to appear by their commissioners at their next stated meeting, to show cause, if any they have, why the request should not be granted

The Revd Saml Porter was appointed to supply one Sabb. at discretion—the Revd Wm. Spear one Sabb. at discretion—the Revd Francis Laird one Sabb. at discretion--Mr Thos Davis the 1st Sabb of November, & the Revd David Barclay the 1st Sabb. of December, & so alternately the 1st Sabb of each Month at Kittaning untill the next stated meeting of P b y. The Revd Wm Swan at Long Run at discretion--the Revd Wm. Wylie one Sabb. at discretion--the Revd Robt Johnston 2d Sabb. of November at Donigal--the Revd Andrew O Patterson to administer the ordinance of the Supper at Fairfield the 2d Sabb. of Jenuary--the Revd John Reed the 1st Sabb. of Jenuy. at Ligioner -the Revd James Gutherie one Sabb at Salt-Lick Valey--the Revd Wm. Johnston one Sabb at discretion--the Revd Ashbel G Fairchild one Sabb at discretion--the Revd James Graham one Sabb at discretion--the Revd Asa Brooks one Sabb. at discretion, & the Revd Aretas Loomis, one Sabb at discretion.

The Congregation of Long-Run, requested liberty to apply to other Presbyteries for supplies, which was granted.

On motion resolved that the Members of this Pby pay a proper attention to the recommendation of Synod on the subject of visiting the Churches.

Mr Wm. Flinn presented a complaint against the session of Mount pleasant Congregation, stating, that they had not granted him the privileges, to which he was intitled by the Directory, in a trial on charges brought against him by sd Session.

Pby, after enquiring into the matter, & discovering that the attention of the Session to the case had been approved by Pby at a former meeting; it was on motion resolved, that the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed.

Pby agreed to hold their next stated meeting at Congruity on the 3d Tuesday of April next; & appointed the Revd John Reed to Preach on the occasion.

Adjourned to meet at Salem on the 2d Tuesday of November next

Concluded with prayer

SALEM *November* 12 1822

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened by Mr Thos Davis with a sermon on the subject assigned him at our last meeting

Constituted with prayer

Members present; the Revd Mrss Saml. Porter, Robt Johnston & Andrew O Patterson: with the Elders Mrss Robt Rainey, John Leisure John Barnet, & John Black——

Absent The Revd Mrss James Power D D, Joseph Henderson, Wm Swan, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Wm Wylie, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild Aretas Loomis, Asa Brooks & John Reed.

The Moderator being absent, the Revd Saml Porter was chosen Moderator pro tem. Pby proceeded to examine the discourse delivered by Mr Thos Davis, & agreed to sustain it as part of trials for ordination.—

Resolved, to proceed to the ordination of Mr Thomas Davis on to morrow—

An application was made by John Craty, & Jacob Haymaker in behalf of certain inhabitants of Franklin township, asking permission to be organized into a Congn.

Pby, after hearing the Commissioners, & deliberating on the case, resolved that it is expedient to postpone the decision of this case untill

their next meeting; & agreed to appoint the Revd Saml. Porter to preach in the neighbourhood on the 1st Sabb. of December next.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 11 o clock.

Concluded with prayer–

Wednesday morning, Pby met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer:

Members present as above: with the addition of the Revd Wm Speer, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Pby proceeded to the ordination of Mr Thos Davis, & did by prayer & the imposition of hands, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry; & installed him the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Salem & West Union.

The Revd Robt Johnston Preached on the occasion, & the Revd Saml Porter presided & gave the charge

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the 3d Tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer.

Congruity *April* 5 1823

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened by the Rev John Reed, with a sermon on Math. 15: 16. Constituted with prayer.

Members present

Rev Mrss	Elders Mrss
Saml. Porter	
Wm. Swan	Benjamin Allsworth
Wm. Speer	David Lawrimore
Francis Laird	Wm. Cristy
Wm. Wylie	Wm. McCrea
Robt. Johnston	George Plummer
James Graham	Francis Vance
James Gutherie	John Wilson
Ashbel G Fairchild	James Cowen
John Reed	Robt Piper
Asa Brooks	John Ewing &
Andrew O Patterson &	William McQuistin
Thos. Davis	

Absent Rev Mrss James Power D. D., Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Johnston, David Barclay, & Aretas Loomis

The minutes of the last stated, & the last intermediate meetings were read.

The Rev Mrss James Graham, John Reed, Ashbel G Fairchild, & Asa Brooks, assigned reasons for not attending the last stated meeting which were sustained.

The Rev Mrss Wm Swan, Francis Laird, Wm Wylie, James Graham, James Gutherie Ashbel G Fairchild Asa Brooks, & John Reed, assigned reasons for not attending the last intermediate meeting, which were sustained.

On enquiry it appeared, that the Members present, had fulfilled their appointments to supply.

Reports from the following Congregations were recieved viz

	Total in Comm. as per last report	Since Admitted		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Baptized		Total
		On Examn	On Certificate					Adults	Infants	
Congruity	195	23	0	0	0	0	210	0	38	38
Greensburgh & Unity	233	36	5	2	15	0	257	3	25	28
Rehoboth&Round hill	194	8	1	4	2	0	194	0	17	17
Laurel hill & Tyrone	204	9	2	2	4	2	207	0	10	10
Morgantown, Georges creek & Greensburgh	137	8	3	0	0	0	148	0	17	17
Indiana & Gilgal		11	4	2	0	0	153	0	53	53
French creek	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	9	9
Saweekly&Mtpleasant	208	27	2	2	13	0	222	4	34	38

Aplication for supplies were presented by the following Congregations viz: Kittaning, Long-run, Donegal, & Fairfield for supplies, & for the administration of the Lords Supper; Warren & Saltsburgh for supplies.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o clock

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning 9 o clock, Pby met according to adjournment; Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Saml. Porter, presented a certificate of settlement with the Congregation of Congruity, from which it appeared, that his Stipend was paid, untill the first of April 1822.

The Rev Francis Laird presented certificates of settlements with the Congregations of Plumbcreek & Poke-run, from which it appeared that the former stood indebted to him on the 8th of April 1822 in a ballance of $278 06, & the latter of $385:68.

The Rev A O Patterson reported that Sawickly Congn. had paid his stipend untill the first of April 1823.

Mr Mathew Dunlop, a licentiate from the Relief Pby of Glasgow in Scotland. appeared in Pby, & expressed a desire to be taken under their care—

Pby after examining his credentials & other collateral testimonials; & satisfying themselves by a free conversation of his orthodoxy & experimental acquaintance with religion, unanimously ageed to recieve him under their care

A memorial. containing a joint request of the congregations of Fairfield, Ligioneer, & Donegal, was presented to Pby, praying for a decision on the question, whether Ligioneer shall continue as a distinct Congn.

After hearing the Commissioners from sd. Congregations & the several written statements presented, it was on motion resolved, that Pby do not feel themselves justifiable, in deciding on the above question; but earnestly recommend it to these Congregations, to cherish a spirit of accommodation & christian forbearance & make those arangements among themselves, which will best secure the peace of the church, & the support of the Gospel amongst them.

The Rev Aretas Loomis informed Pby, by letter, that he withdrew his request for lieve to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Tagarts Valey—

A Joint request, from the Rev Aretas Loomis & the people of his charge, to be detached from the Pby of Redstone, & connected with the Pby of Lexington in the Synod of Virginia, was presented in writing.

Pby, consenting to the change, yet considered themselves unauthorised to alter Synodical lines, & therefore agreed to refer the request to the next General Assembly

Mrss John Craty & Wm. Newland renewed the request presented last fall, in behalf of certain inhabitants of Franklin township for leave to be organized into a Congregation.

Pby after hearing the commissioners, & making all necessary enquiry into the circumstances of the case, on motion resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request.—

Long Run Congregation, desired leave to apply to other Presbyteries for supplies.

This request was granted, together with supplies from the Pby of Redstone untill their next meeting, under the full expectation that sd

Congregation, will, by that time, have settled off all arrears with their former Pastor.

The Rev Mrss James Graham & Wm. Johnston were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl Assembly.

P b y proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Rev Mess Francis Laird & Wm. Wylie were appointed to make out a report for the Genl. Assembly.

The following collections were reported viz

		Com	Educn	Missiony
Congruity		2	47:25	48
Greensburgh			7	
Unity			3	
Rehoboth & Round hill		3		
Morgn Gs. Creek & Greensburgh		3		
French creek	—		7:70	
Saweekly	—		29:81	

The following supplies were appointed viz

The Rev Mrss

Saml Porter one Sabbath at Saltsburgh

Wm Swan at discretion as his health may permit

Wm Speer one Sabbath at discretion

Francis Laird one Sabbath at Beulah

Wm- Wylie one Sabbath at Brownsville

Robt Johnston to administer Sact. at Donegal 5th Sab August.

James Graham to admtr. the Sact. at Long-run

James Gutherie one Sabbath at Dunlaps creek

David Barckly & Thos Davis to administer the Sact. at Kittaning the 1st Sabbath of September

A G Fairchild one Sabbath at Middletown

John Reed 3d Sabbath April at Warren

A O Patterson to admtr. the Sact. at Fairfield

Mathew Dunlap the 3d & 4th Sabbaths of April & one Sabbath in June at Long-run--one Sabb. at Warren--one at Saltsburgh, & the rest of his time at discretion, among the vacancies in the bounds of the P b y, untill their next stated meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly on the third Tuesday of October next

Concluded with prayer.—

Approved thus far by the Synod.
Octr. 8th. 1823. Thomas Hoge Modr.

Sawickly *October* 21 1823

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the Rev Jessy Smith, on James 2d. 10. Constituted with prayer.

Members present

Rev Mrss	Elders
Saml. Porter	
Wm. Swan	Benjn. Allsworth
Wm. Speer	Wm Bigham
Francis Laird	Robt. Smith
David Barclay	Saml. Mitchel
Robt. Johnston	John Cuningham
James Gutherie	John Robinson
Wm. Johnston	James Wilson, &
A. G. Fairchild	John McCurdy
Andrew O. Patterson, &	
Thos. Davis.	

Absent

Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, James Graham, John Reed, & Asa Brooks.

The Rev Aretas Loomis, having been detached from this P b y, & attached to the P b y of Lexington, by the Synod of Pittsburgh at their last meeting.

The Rev Jessy Smith, a member of the P b y of Winchester, being present, was invited & took his seat as a corresponding Member.

P b y proceeded to the choice of Moderator & clerk for the ensuing year, & the Rev David Barclay was chosen Moderator, & the Rev Thomas Davis, Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting of P b y were read.

The Rev Mrss David Barclay & Wm Johnston, assigned reasons for non attendance at the last meeting of P b y, which were sustained.

On inquiry it appeared, that the Members generally, had fulfilled their appointments to supply

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer & Robt Johnston were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject of Congregational reports & contributions

An appeal was presented by Wm. Clark, from a decision of the Session of Sawickly Church, in a case, in which he charged James Brown with malicious lies, & with attempting to cause his Brother John Brown to perjure himself. After reading the documents, & hearing the appellant & the Members of session, P b y unanimously agreed to confirm the decision

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 Oclock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning 9 *o clock*

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A report was presented by the committee on Congregational reports & contributions, which was accepted, & is as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of Congregal. reports & contribution(s) beg leave to state; that, whereas the vacant congregations in our bounds, generally, & some of those which are favoured with the stated Ministrations of the Gospel, have, hitherto, been inattentive to the orders of the Genl Assembly on the subject of Congregational reports, & have not contributed to any considerable extent, to the great purposes, to which the Providences of God invites the most interested exertions of his Church at the present day, therefore

1 Resolved, that it be enjoined on every Member of this P b y to furnish anually, at their Spring meeting, a report from his own charge, if he has a Pastoral charge, complete, on all the perticulars on which reports are required; & that the following Members be appointed to procure Congregational reports from the vacant Congregations in our bounds: Viz from Kittaning, Warren, Ebenezer & Bethel, the Rev Thos Davis—— Glade-run, Plumb-creek & Jefferson, the Rev David Barclay—— Fairfield, Ligioneer Donegal & Summerset, the Rev A. O. Patterson—— Long-Run & McKeesport, the Rev Robt Johnston — Union Town, & Middleton the Rev. A. G. Fairchild

2 Resolved that it be enjoined on every Member of P b y to be careful to take collections for the commissioners fund; & that P b y at their Spring meeting anually make enquiry on this subject, & mark with disapprobation every member who shall neglect this injunction

3 Resolved that the several Congregations be directed, to forward contributions anually, not only to the commissioners fund, but also, to the Education, & Missionary funds, unless these objects are otherwise provided for

P b y feeling, deeply, the disadvantages of their vacancies, do consider their compliance with the above resolutions, as calculated, not only to discharge their duty, but also to secure their own prosperity, by the blessing of God on those who cast their mite into his treasury, in aid of the conflict which now employs his Church.

P b y, therefore, while they recommend, & require a marked attention, from their vacant Congregations, to the above perticulars, do also recommend a special attention to social worship on every vacant Sabbath.

This practice suitably attended to, has, in many instances, cherished christian affection, streangthened the habit of meeting for public wor-

ship, & greatly promoted the Spiritual welfare, & salvation of Souls——

Resolved that the Members take a coppy of the above report, to be read in their respective charges, & the vacancies they may be called to supply.

The Rev Joseph W. Henderson, on account of extreme debility, requested leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congregations of Ebenezer & Bethel.

The congregations by their commissioners having signified their acquiessence, the request was granted

The Rev Wm. McMillin, a Member of the P b y of Ohio, & the Rev Jessy Smith, a Member of the P b y of Winchester signified a desire to supply in the bounds of this P b y which was granted

Resolved that each Member supply one Sabbath previous to the next stated meeting of P b y

The following appointments were made viz

The Rev Mrss Saml. Porter one Sabbath at discretion
Wm Swan all his time at discretion
Wm Speer one Sabbath at discretion
Francis Laird one Sabbath at discretion
Robert Johnston one Sabbath at Long Run
James Gutherie one Sabbath at Salt Lick
Wm Johnston one Sabbath at Union Town
David Barclay one Sabbath at Warren
A G Fairchild one Sabbath at the Tent
John Reed one Sabbath at Harmony
A. O. Patterson one Sabbath at Discretion
Thos Davis one Sabbath at Kittaning

Mr Mathew Dunlop was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Warren,--one at Saltsburg, & two at Harmony, & the rest of his time at discretion till the next meeting of P b y

An appeal was presented by Morgan Morgan from a disicion of the Session of Rehoboth church in a case, in which he charged John McCormack, with making an improper use of public money intrusted to him for the purpose of purchasing books for the use of Sabbath-Schools —& with prevarication & falshood respecting it. Also, with a breach of trust, in leaving a borrowed horse in Mount-pleasant, after attempting to sell him, & pledging a borrowed watch in the same place.

After reading the documents, & hearing the Appellant & Session, P b y reversed the desicion—

The Congregation of Long Run, requested liberty to apply to other P b y s for supplies; which was granted

A number of the inhabitants of Puncsatony & its visinity, requested liberty to form themselves into a Congregation, & to be taken under the care of this P b y; & that the Rev David Barclay be appointed to supply them statedly a part of his time; which was granted

On motion resolved, that it be enjoined on the Members of P b y, who have charges, to produce certificates of Settlements with their Congregations, anually

Resolved, that if Mr Mathew Dunlop, should wish to remove out of the bounds of this P b y, the Stated Clerk furnish him with the requisite testimonials

Mr Mathew Dunlop was appointed to open the next meeting of P b y, & the Rev Francis Laird his alternate

Adjourned, to meet at Greensburg, the third Tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer

PITTSBURGH *October* 1823

Pby met pro re nata. Members present. Rev Mess Saml Porter, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, Wm Wylie, Robt Johnston, James Graham, David Barclay, A G Fairchild, A. O. Patterson & Thomas Davis.——— Absent Rev Mess James Power D D Joseph W Henderson Wm. Swan, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, John Reed, & Asa Brooks.

Constituted with prayer

The Rev Wm. Wylie requested leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Union town.

The Congregation having declared their acquiessence, it was on motion resolved, that his request be granted.

The Rev Wm Wylie, then, desired to be dismissed from the P b y of Redstone, to join the P b y of Washington; which was granted; & he is hereby dismissed as a Member in good standing

Adjourned—

Concluded with prayer

GREENSBURGH *April* 20 1824

P b y met according to adjournment

Constituted with prayer. Members present.

Revd Messrs.	Elders
Samuel Porter	Wm Ralston
Wm– Spear	Paul Morrow
David Barclay	Jacob Dible
Robert Johnston	Joseph H Cunningham
James Graham	James McClane
James Guthrie	John Laser

Wm– Johnston	James Long
A G Fairchild	John Ewing
John Reed	Wm– Nickson
A O Patterson	Samuel Fleming
Thomas Davis	J Hamilton

Revd Messrs. Absent
James Power D D. Joseph Henderson,
Wm Swan & Asa Brooks.

D. H. Riddle

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read.

Revd John Reed, assigned reasons for non attendance at the last meeting of P b y; which were sustained.

On enquiry it appeared, that the members generally had fulfilled their appointments to supply.

Reports from the following Congregations viz—

Names of Churches	Total in Comn as per last report	Since added		Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Commun–	Baptized		Total
		On Examination	On Certificate					Adults	Infants	
Congruity	210	37	0	4	7	"	236	4	35	39
Bethel & Ebenezer	276									
West Union	33	7	2	3	"	"	39	4	11	15
Salem	103	19	2	1	"	"	123	6	15	21
Ligonier	24	2	"	"	"	"	26	"	5	5
Dunlap'sCk & Brown'e	158	13	5	1	6	1	168	6	27	33
Warren	17								2	2
Union	54	3	"	"	3	"	54	"	4	4
Saltsburg	64									
Mt Pleasant & Sawickly	222	16	6	4	9	2	229	1	13	14
Beaulah	135	17	8	7	9	"	144	7	43	50
Poke Run	113	11	"	1	1	"	122	"	23	23
Plumb Creek	106	4	2	1	4	"	107	6	12	18
Union Town	55	3	"	1	"	"	57	1	7	8
Rehoboth & Round Hill	197	13	11	1	5	5	210	1	19	20
Middletown	28	"	"	"	"	"	28	"	1	1
Morgantown, George's Creek & Greensburg'	147	21	1	1	1	"	167	2	12	14
Laurel Hill & Tyrone'	207	10	5	3	5	2	212	"	19	19
Indiana	94	1	2		3		94	"	11	11
Gilgal	56	6	2	"	"	"	64	4	10	14
Fairfield	175	7	"	"	7		175	1	23	24
Long Run	78	4	1	1	4	"	78	2	4	6
Greensburgh & Unity	257	22	9	7	20	4	257	2	20	22
Jefferson	15	9	6	"	"	"	30	1	5	6
Glade Run	68	11	2	"	"	"	81	6	16	22
Lower Plumb creek	0	31	9	"	"	"	40	3	14	17
Kittaning		16	11	"	"	"	27	4	10	14

The following collections were reported viz—

CHURCHES	Missry fund	Commisrs' fund	Education fund
	Dolls cts	D C	D C
Congruity	42:00	2.50½	29.93
Mt Pleasant & Sawickly	107:50	9.59	6.00
Bethel	23:25	"	"
Dunlaps Creek & Brownsville	50.00	11:56¼	4.18¾
Indiana & Gilgal	"	5.00	"
Laurel Hill & Tyrone	"	5.32½	"
Salem	"	2.00	3.00
W. Union		2.75	5.00
Union	35.25	"	"
Plumb-creek & Poke Run	"	7.69	"
Union Town	9.81¼	"	"
Rehoboth & Round Hill	94.87½	3.85	2.00
Long Run	74.14	"	"
Morgan Town George's Creek & Greensburg	76.00	5.00	"
Fairfield	24.00		
Jefferson, Glade Run & Lower Plumb Creek.	5.80	5.80	5.80
Kittaning	4.00	4.00	20.00

Mr John Kirkpatrick appeared before P b y, & professed a desire to put himself under their care as a candidate for the gospel Ministry, & having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good moral character —of his being in the communion of the Presbyterian Church, & also of his having gone thro' a regular course of learning; P b y proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion, & having sustained his answers as part of trials, appointed him to prepare an exegesis on the following theme "An Christi sit universalis redemptio" to be read at their next meeting.

Mr Samuel Swan a licentiate from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, appeared and requested to be taken under the care of this Presby, and having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good standing, was received accordingly.

A call was presented to Presby, from the congregation of Fairfield for one half of the ministerial labours of Mr Samuel Swan, for which they promise him $250 a year. Also a call from the congregation of Ligonier for one fourth part of his ministerial labours, promising him $125, & also a call from the congregation of Donegal for one fourth part of his ministerial labours, promising him $125. Presby after obtaining satisfaction from commissioners from said congregations that the way was open for presenting the calls, agreed to put them into his hands, of all which he declared his acceptance.

On motion, resolved that it be recommended to the congregations of Fairfield, Ligonier & Donnegal to settle their accounts with Mr. Dunlap.

The Revd Jas Graham assigned reasons for non attendance at the last meeting of Presby & also for not attending sooner, at the present meeting, which were sustained.

From certificates presented to Presby the following settlements appeared viz—

Apl 1824.	Due from	Plumb Creek	Congn to	Francis Laird	$237.99
Jany 1824	Due from	Round Hill	" "	Revd Robt Johnston	194.80
" " "	"	Rehoboth	" "	Rev Robt Johnston	40.66
Apl " "	"	Tyrone	" "	Jas Guthrie	196.32
" " "	"	Greensburgh	" "	A G Fairchild	2.62½
" " "	"	Morgantown	" "	" "	22.16¾
" " "	"	George's creek	" "	" "	46.18¾
Oct 1823	"	West Union—	"	Thos Davis	66.37½
" " "	"	Salem	"	" "	52.44
Apl 1823	"	Revd Saml Porter	"	Congruity Congn—	7.80
" 1824	"	Sawickly——		Revd A O Patterson	0.00

A communication was received from the Society of Inquiry on the subject of Missions in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, requesting information respecting the want of labourers within our bounds—

The Revd Messrs– Fairchild & Guthrie, were appointed a committee to consider the communication and report to Presby.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock*

Presby met according to adjournment.

Members present as above. Constituted with prayer

The minutes of the last Session were read.

Mr Matthew Dunlap preached last evening according to previous appointment, from Ps 89. 15v.

The Revd Messrs Wm– Spear and A G Fairchild were appointed commissioners to attend the next General Assembly, and Revd Messrs A O Patterson & John Reed their alternates.

Application was made by the people of Saltsburg to be organized into a congregation, which was granted.

Presby entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds & Revd Messrs– A O Patterson and Jas Graham were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject to the next General Assembly.

Revd Jessee Smith a member of the Presby of Winchester, appeared & signified his desire to join this Presby & having produced a certificate of his regular dismission & good standing, was received accordingly.

A call from the united congregations of Ebenezer & Bethel, was presented to Presby for the ministerial labours of the Revd Jessee Smith, promising him $450 per annum, which was put into his hands and of which he declared his acceptance.

On motion, Resolved, that the Revd Messrs– David Barclay, Joseph Henderson, John Reed & Thos Davis be a committee, to instal the Revd Jessee Smith Pastor of the united congregations of Ebenezer & Bethel, to meet on the third Tuesday of June next. The Revd John Reed to preach on the occasion & the Revd Thos Davis to preside & give the charge.

Presby proceeded to examine Mr Samuel Swan on his experimental acquaintance with religion & sustained his answers as part of trials.

Presby proceeded to examine Messrs– Matthew Dunlap, Samuel Swan & John Kirkpatrick, on the learned languages, and sustained their answers as part of trials.

The congregation of Long Run requested leave to apply to other Presbyteries for supplies, which was granted.

The congregation of Union applied for one sixth part of the ministerial labours of the Revd A G Fairchild as a stated supply, which was granted.

Applications were made from Saltsburg, Long-Run, Union Town & Kittaning for supplies:

On motion, Resolved that each member supply one Sabbath between this & the next stated meeting of P b y.

The following appointments were made viz–

The Revd Messrs–

Francis Laird	one Sabbath	at discretion
Robert Johnston.....	"	" Union Town
Jas Guthrie.....	"	" Morgan Town
Jas Graham.....	"	" Long Run
David Barclay.....	"	at discretion
Wm Johnston.....	"	at discretion
Thos Davis		Saltsburgh
A O Patterson.....		Greensburgh
John Reed.....	"	Kittaning
Wm Swan	"	Unity

Jessee Smith to administer the sacrament of the supper the 1st– Sabbath of Sept at Kittaning.

Presby proceeded to examine Messrs– Dunlap—Swan & Kirkpatrick, on Theology, natural & Moral Philosophy & sustained their answers as parts of trial.

The committee appointed on the communication from the Society of Inquiry on Missions, in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, presented a report, which was accepted.

Presby agreed to hold their next stated meeting at Beulah.

The Presby having taken the several parts of the trial of Mr Matthew Dunlap (a licentiate from the Relief Presby of Glasgow) required by the regulations of the General Assembly, respecting foreign clergymen & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature—his experimental acquaintance with religion & his proficiency in Divinity & other studies, did and they hereby do receive him as a probationer for the Holy Ministry within their bounds.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday Morning.

Presby met according to adjournment. Members present as above. Constituted with Prayer. Minutes of the last Session were read. The committee appointed on the state of religion, presented a report which was adopted.

Mr Samuel Swan was appointed to prepare a discourse on Hebrews X. 38v. to be delivered at the next meeting of Presby as part of trials for ordination.

Adjourned to meet at Fairfield, the third Wednesday of June next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Fairfield *June 16th*— 1824.

This being the day to which Presby stood adjourned, the Revd Messrs– Robert Johnston & A O Patterson, with Thos Pollock Elder attended.

The congregation being assembled, Mr Samuel Swan delivered a trial sermon for ordination on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of Presby.

There not being a sufficient number of Ministers present to constitute a quorum, the meeting was adjourned untill half past 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

Thursday Morning.

Presby met according to adjournt.. Constituted with Prayer. Members Present, Revd Messrs– Robert Johnston, A O Patterson, & Thos Davis. Elders Thos. Pollock & Wm– McQuiston.

The Moderator being absent, Revd Robert Johnston was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* Presby proceeded to the examination of Messrs Samuel Swan, & John Kirkpatrick, on Ecclesiastical History & Church Government, & sustained their answers as parts of trials. Mr John Kirkpatrick, read an exegesis on the subject assigned him, at our last meeting, which was sustained, & he was appointed to prepare a Presbyterial exercise on I corinthians, 15 Chap 24–28 and a homily on Rom 8 chap 2 ver. to be read at our next meeting.

P b y then proceeded to examin(e) the written discourse delivered by Mr Swan & agreed to sustain it as part of trials

Presby proceeded to the ordination of Mr Samuel Swan & did, by prayer & the imposition of the hands of the Presby, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the gospel ministry, & installed him the regular Pastor of the united congregations of Fairfield, Ligonier & Donegal.

The Revd A O Patterson preached on the occasion, & the Revd. Robert Johnston, presided & gave the charge.

Adjourned to meet at Beulah, the third Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with Prayer.

Absent

Rev Mess James Power D D. Joseph W Henderson Saml Porter, Wm. Spear Wm. Swan Francis Laird James Graham James Gutherie, Wm Johnston A G Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, David Barclay, & Jessy Smith

Approved thus far by the Synod

R. Stone Moderator.

Beulah *October* 19 1824

Pby met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Mr Alexr McCandles, a licentiate from the Pby of Ohio, on Rom. 8: 2

Constituted with prayer. Members present

Rev Mess	Rev Mess Absent
Wm. Swan	James Power D D
Wm. Speer	Joseph W Henderson
Francis Laird	Saml. Porter
David Barclay	Wm. Johnston
Robt Johnston	James Gutherie
James Graham	Jessy Smith
A. G. Fairchild	Assa Brooks, &
John Reed	Saml. Swan
A O Patterson, &	
Thomas Davis	

Elders

Saml. Fleming—Robert King—Wm McCray George Plumer—Patrick Power, & Charles Porter

P b y Proceeded to the choice of Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year; and the Rev Ashbel G Fairchild was chosen Moderator, & the Rev Francis Laird Clerk

The Rev Joseph Harper, a Member of the P b y of Richland being present, on invitation, took his seat as a corresponding Member

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings of P b y were read

On inquiry it appeared, that the members present, had generally fulfilled their appointments.

The Rev Mess Wm Swan, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, James Graham, A G Fairchild, Jessy Smith & John Reed, assigned reasons for not attending the last intermediate meeting of P b y, which were sustained.

Mr Hugh Cannon, an Elder from Gilgal appeared & took his seat as a member.

The Rev Mess Jessy Smith, & Saml. Swan, assigned reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained.

Mr Alexander McCandles, a licentiate under the care of the P b y of Ohio, expressed a desire to put himself under the care of this P b y, And having produced a certificate of his good standing & regular dismission from that P b y, was accordingly recieved.

A call from the Congregation of Long Run for two thirds of the Ministerial labours of Mr Alexr McCandles, promising him three hundred dollars a year; & a call from the congregation of McKeesport for one third of his Ministerial labours, promising him one hundred & fifty dollars a year were presented to P b y. Aftert he usual inquiries at Commissioners from these congregations the calls were put into the hands of Mr McCandles of which he declared his acceptance

Mr John Kirkpatrick, read a Presbyterial exercise & homily, on the subjects appointed him at the last meeting of P b y, which were sustained as parts of trial: & he was appointed to prepare a lecture on Isaiah 61: 1–3 verses, & a popular sermon on Rom. 3 & 31. to be delivered at our next meeting

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning 9 o clock

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

P b y entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds, & appointed the Rev Mess Jessy Smith & Saml Swan a committee to take notes & prepare a condensed narrative on the subject & report to P b y as soon as practicable

Rev Joseph Harper was permitted to supply at Saltsburgh & Warren until the next meeting of P b y

P b y appointed each Minister to supply one Sabbath at discretion. between this & their next stated meeting

Rev Jessy Smith obtained leave of absence.

Mr Hugh Wright presented an appeal to P b y from a judgment of the Session of Rehoboth Church censuring him for the crime of intoxication by Spirituous liquor

P b y after hearing the parties at full length on motion resolved, that Mr Wright have liberty to withdraw his appeal with an understanding, that the session of Rehoboth will open their judgment, with a view to give an opportunity of bringing forward any new light he may have to offer

Mr Mathew Dunlop requested liberty to itinerate out of our bounds untill the next stated meeting of P b y; which was granted, & the stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the necessary testimonials

The committee appointed to prepare a condensed narative on the state of religion presented a report, which was accepted.

P b y proceeded to examine Mr Alexr McCandles on his experimental acquaintance with religion & sustained his answers as part of trials for ordination; & appointed him to prepare a sermon on Rom 3 & 21 to be delivered at their next stated meeting

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on Saturday the 23d Inst. at 12 O clock Concluded with prayer

PITTSBURGH *October* 23 1824

P b y met according to adjourment. Constituted with prayer. Members present

Rev Mess	Absent Rev Mess
Wm Speer	James Power D D
David Barclay	Joseph Henderson
Robt Johnston	Wm. Swan
Wm. Johnston	Saml Porter
A. G. Fairchield	Francis Laird
A O Patterson &	James Graham
Thos. Davis	James Gutherie
	Asa Brooks

John Reed
Jessy Smith &
Saml Swan

The Rev Wm. Johnston assigned reasons for not attending the last stated & intermediate meetings of P b y, which were sustained

The business anticipated as the object of this meeting, not being in a state of preparation Adjourned to meet at Long Run the Third Tuesday of April next Concluded with prayer

Long Run *April* 19 1825

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr Alexr McCandles, on Rom. 3 : 21 the subject assigned him as part of trials for ordination.

Constituted by prayer - Members present

Rev Mess.	Elders Mess
Wm Speer	John Black
Francis Laird	John Cowan
Robert Johnston	Andrew Fife
James Gutherie	Hugh Lawrance
Wm. Johnston	Wm. Steel
A. G. Fairchild	Nathaniel Hurst
A O Patterson	Thomas Hamilton
Jessy Smith	Wm. Nixon
Saml. Swan &	John Robinson
Thomas Davis	John McCray
	Wm. Marshal.

Absent

Rev Mess

James Power D D. Joseph W Henderson, Saml. Porter, Wm. Swan, David Barclay, James Graham, & Asa Brooks

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings of P b y were read

The Rev Nathaniel R Snowden produced a dismission from the P b y of Northumberland, together with testimonials of his good standing, with a view to connect himself with the P b y of Redstone, & was recieved accordingly.

The Rev Joseph Harper produced a dismission from the P b y of Richland, together with testimonials of his regular standing, with a view to connect himself with the P b y of Redstone & was recieved accordingly.

On enquiry it was found, that the Members had fulfilled their appointments to supply

The Rev N. R. Snowden & Robt Johnston were appointed a committee to examin(e) the sessional reccords of Sawickly & Mount Pleasant—The Rev Mess Wm. Speer & Saml Swan, to examin(e) the records of Georges creek & Morgantown—The Rev Mess A O Patterson & Jessy Smith, to examin(e) the reccords of Rehoboth & Roundhill

P b y appointed the Rev Mess Wm. Speer, Robert Johnston, & Saml. Swan Ministers & Mr Joseph Baldridge Elder their Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly.

P b y proceeded to the examination of Mr Alexander McCandles on the learned languages, Natural & Moral Philosophy, natural & revealed Theology, & the history & government of the church, & sustained his answers as part of trials After due examination P b y agreed to sustain the discourse delivered by Mr A McCandles as part of trials, & ordered to proceed to his ordination on to morrow at 12 O'clock.

The Rev A G Fairchild was appointed to preach on the occasion & the Rev Francis Laird to preside & give the charge

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o clock

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning P b y met according to adjt. Constituted by prayer.

Members present as above

The minutes of the last session were read

A request was presented by the Congregation of Kittaning, for two thirds of the Ministerial labours of the Rev Nathaniel R Snowden, as a stated supply for two years; commencing the first of Jenuary last; which was granted

The congregation of Uniontown made application for supplies & for the administn. of the Lords Supper.

The Rev James Graham appeared & gave reasons for not attending sooner, & also for not attending the last intermediate meeting of P b y which were sustained

Congregational Settlements were recieved from the following Congregations viz

Rev Robt Johnston reported Round hill indebted	$302:52
Rehoboth on the 1st of January 1825—	72:61
Rev James Gutherie reported Tyrone indebted October 1st 1824	$155.75
—A G Fairchild reported Morgantown indebted March 1825	$66.66
Georges creek April 1st. 1825—	66:87

—A. O. Patterson reported Sawickly clear April 1825—Mount pleasant clear Novr 1st. 1824—

—Wm Johnston reported Dunlapscreek indebted April 1825 $265:75
—Thos Davis reported W. Union indebted October 18–1824—$2.50
—Salem..... .. ..Do ....$.90
—James Graham reported Beulah indebted March 1823—$1274:31

A call from the Congregation of Saltsburgh, for one half of the Ministerial labours of the Rev Joseph Harper, promising him two hundred dollars a year, also a call from the Congregation of Warren, for one half of his ministerial labours, promising him two hundred dollars a year, were presented to P b y, & put into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance

The Rev Mess John Reed, Jessy Smith, & Thos Davis were appointed a committee, to meet in Saltsburgh on the 3d Thursday of May next to install the Rev Joseph Harper.

The Rev Jessy Smith to preach on the occasion, & the Rev Thos Davis to preside & give the charge.—

The several committees appointed to examine the records of session reported, and their report was received, and the records approved.

Presby. proceeded to the ordination of Mr Alexr. McCandless, and did by prayer, and the imposition of the hands of the Presby. solemnly ordain, and set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry; and installed him the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Long Run & McKeesport.

The Revd. A. G. Fairchild preached on the occasion, and the Revd. Francis Laird presided and gave the charge.

Mr John Kirkpatrick delivered a lecture & popular sermon on the subjects assigned him at the last stated meeting of P b y.

On motion, Resolved, that Mr. Matthew Dunlap Licentiate under the care of this P b y be permitted to itinerate without their bounds, till the next stated meeting.

P.b.y proceeded to consider the lecture & popular sermon delivered by Mr. John Kirkpatrick, which were sustained as parts of trial; and appointed him to deliver a discourse on Luke 10 Chap 42 v at their next stated meeting.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o.clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

P.b.y met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

P.b.y entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; and the Revd. Messrs Wm. Speer and Samuel Swan were appointed a committee to take notes, and prepare a report on the subject, to the next G. Assembly.

Mr. Hugh Wright presented an appeal to P.b.y from a judgement of the session of Rehoboth Church, censuring him for the crime of intoxication by spirituous liquor. P.b.y after hearing the parties at full length, affirmed the judgement of the session of Rehoboth in the case of Mr. Hugh Wright.

Collections for the commissioners fund, were received from the following congregations. viz.

From Plumb Creek	$3.64	Morgan Town	$1.00
Poke Run	2.11	Dunlaps Creek	2.81¼
Fairfield	4.00	Brownsville	4.42
Donegal	3.00	Mount Pleasant	2.00
Union	2.00	Sawickly	5.00
West Union	2.00	Congruity	2.00
Salem	2.06¼	Greensburg last year	6.07
Warren	2.00	Unity last year	6.21
Saltsburg	2.00	Bethel & Ebenezer last year	5.00
Rehoboth	2.85	Greensburg	5.64
Round Hill	0.98	Unity	2.82
Georges Creek	2.00		

Mr. Ebenezer Haden presented an appeal to P.b.y from a judgement of the session of Sawickly church, censuring him for ûnchristian conduct.

P.b.y. after having heard the parties at full length, affirmed the judgement of said session against Mr. Haden, on the testimony of the records of session before them, and his own acknowledgement.

On motion resolved, that, it be recommended to the members of P.b.y to take order in their congregations for aiding the missionary fund.

P.b.y recommended to each of its members to take more efficient measures to aid in the Education fund.

On motion resolved, that each member supply one Sabbath before the next stated meeting of P.b.y

Rev Nathaniel R Snowden one Sabbath at discretion
Francis Laird one Sabbath at discretion
James Guthrie one Sabbath at Rehoboth
William Johnston one Sabbath at discretion
A. G. Fairchild one Sabbath at Uniontown
John Reed one Sabbath at Fairfield
A. O. Patterson one Sabbath at Uniontown
Jesse Smith one Sabbath at Greensburg
Joseph Harper one Sabbath at Donegal
Thomas Davis one Sabbath at Discretion
Alaxr. McCandless one Sabbath at Round Hill
James Graham the 4th. of May at Unity

The following congregational reports were received viz

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Missy fund	Coms fund	Educn. fund	per last Report	Since Added		Died	Dismd	Suspd.	total in Com.	Baptized		total
					Exam.	Certf					Adts.	Infts	
Congruity	$23:75	$2.00	$23.75	236	38		4			270	7	37	44
Greensburg & Unity		20:74	34:15	257	14	4	3	1	1	271	4	18	22
Poke Run & Plumb creek	8:70	5:75		229	29	8		6		260	1	45	46
Rehoboth & Round Hill	52:98	3:95	1:50	210	5	2		6		211		14	14
Laurel (Hill) & Tyrone	66:12½			207	6	5	1	9	2	206		13	13
Dunlaps Creek and Brownsville	45:00	7:24	8:20	162	21	1	1	6		177	5	35	40
Morgantown Georges creek & Greensburg	19:00	3.00	5.00	167	16	4	2	1	2	182	2	7	9
Indianna & Gilgal	10:50			158	12	2	3			169	15	42	57
Ebenezer & Bethel		5.00		276	29	4	6	7		296	1	43	44
Sawickly & Mount pleasant	65:89	7.00	24:85	229	21	3	6	10	4	233	1	34	35
Salem & West Union		4.06¼	10.00	168	18	10	5	3		188	2	15	17
Saltsburg & Warren		4.00								62			
Fairfield, Donegal & Ligioneer	29.00	7.00		282	46	5	5	8		320	4	59	63
Long Run & McKeesport	42:25			108	7		8	1		106	7	26	33
Uniontown				52	3		1			54	2	10	12
Union	30.	2.00		53	30					83	5	5	10

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the first tuesday of October next at eleven o.clock forenoon. Concluded with prayer.

CONGRUITY *October 4th.* 1825

P.b.y met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Mr. John Kirkpatrick from Luke 10–42, the subject assigned him as part of trial for licensure, at our last meeting. Constituted with prayer. Members present

Rev. Messrs	Elders Messrs
Nathaniel R Snowden	David Larimer
William Speer	Alex McIntosh
Francis Laird	Joseph Finley
David Barclay	Wm. Hamilton
Robert Johnston	Henry Fulton
James Graham	Wm. Bell
A. G. Fairchild	James Watson
A. O. Patterson	Thomas Wilson
Jesse Smith	Saml. Fleming
Thomas Davis	John Adair
Joseph Harper &	Robert Walker
Saml. Swan	Joseph Young
	Wm. Nixon &
	Robert Carothers

Absent Rev Messrs James Powers, Joseph Henderson, William Swan, James Guthrie, Wm. Johnston, John Reed, Asa Brooks & Alax McCandless.

The Rev Samuel Porter departed this life Sept. 23rd. 1825

P.b.y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year. Rev A. O Patterson was chosen Moderator, & Jesse Smith Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

Rev David Barclay assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting which were sustained.

On inquiry, it appeared, that, the members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply.

The committee appointed to install the Rev Joseph Harper, reported, that they had fulfilled the duty assigned them.

Rev John Reed appeared, and assigned the reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained.

P.b.y received notice from Mr, Hugh Wright of his intention to appeal to Synod from the decision of P.b.y, in which the judgement of the Rehoboth session was affirmed against him. On inquiry it appeared that Mr. Wright had not given notice of his intention to appeal within

the time specified by the constitution; notwithstanding which, P.b.y agreed to wave their right to bar his appeal.

P.b.y proceeded to consider the discourse delivered by Mr. Kirkpatrick, which was sustained as part of trials for licensure.

At Congruity the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty five, the Presbytery of Redstone, having received testimonials in favour of John Kirkpatrick, of his having gone through a regular course of literature: of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature: as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license, the said John Kirkpatrick to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at nine o.clock.

Concluded with prayer.

October 5th. 1825

P.b.y met according to adjournment. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

Members present as above.

Rev Messrs Speer and Swan were appointed a committee to prepare a report to Synod at their next meeting on the state of religion within the bounds of this P.b.y.

An appeal was presented by Mr. Jacob Haymaker from a decision of the session of Plumb Creek church by which they had acquitted Mr. Jeremiah Murry of certain charges preferred by him, and which he had failed to prosicute at the appointed time.

An appeal was also presented by Jeremiah Murry the defendant, from the same decision, on the ground that the session had not censured the prosecutor for failing to establish the charges.

After reading the documents in the case, & hearing the original parties at full length, and the session in defence of their decision, P.b.y agreed to affirm the decision of the Session, but at the same time recommended, that, they open their judgement, and give the parties another hearing, as a measure, which, in the opinion, of the P.b.y, the interests of the Church require.

Dr. Elisha D. Barritt produced testimonials of his membership & good standing in the Church, together with a diploma from William's College in Massechusetts and requested to be taken under the care of this P.b.y as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

P.b.y having obtained satisfaction as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, received him according to his request, and assigned him an Exegesis on the following subject "In quo constat originale peccatum" also a presbyterial exercise on Eph, 4, 30, to be read at their next meeting.

Rev Francis Laird obtained liberty of absence during the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

It was moved and seconded, that, a petition be presented to Synod at their next meeting to divide this P.b.y, and that the Northern Turnpike be the division line. After some discussion a division of the motion was called for, and the vote was taken on the question, Shall this P.b.y be divided, and decided in the affirmative.

It was then agreed to postpone the question on fixing the division line till their next meeting.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick was appointed to supply the vacant congregations within the bounds of this P.b.y untill their next stated meeting.

Congruity Congregation requested leave to apply to other P.b.ys for supplies, which was granted.

P.b.y appointed their next stated meeting at Salem. The Rev Saml. Swan was appointed to open P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet at Washington the 21st. inst.

Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far.

A. Wylie Modr.

Washington *October* 21 1825

P b y met according to adjournment. Constituted by prayer.

Present, the Rev Mrss Wm Speer, Robt Johnston, Jas Graham, Wm. Johnston, A G Fairchild, John Reed, A O Patterson, Saml Swan, & Alexr McCandles; with the Elders, George Plumer, Joseph Finley, Wm Penney, Abraham Stewart—

Absent Rev Mrss James Power D D. Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Swan, Francis Laird, David Barclay, James Gutherie, Nathaniel Snowden, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis & Joseph Harper

Rev Mrss Wm. Johnston & Alexr McCandles assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of P b y which were sustained

On motion resolved, that the resolution to petition the Synod of Pittsburgh for a division of this Pby, passed at their last meeting be reconsidered. After some discussion it was moved & seconded that

the subject be indeffinitely posponed & decided in the affirmative

Adjourned to meet at Salem on the third Tuesday of April next concluded with prayer

SALEM *April* 18 1826.

P b y met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Rev Samuel Swan from Math 22:42. Constituted with prayer.— Members present

Rev Messrs David Barclay, Robt Johnson, James Graham, A. G Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, A. O. Patterson, Thomas Davis, Saml. Swan, Joseph Harper, & Alexr McCandles— With the Elders, John Wilson, Danl. Smith, James Wilson, John Leisure, John McKee, John Barns & John Black.—

Absent Rev Messrs James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Swan, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, James Gutherie, Wm Johnston, Nathl R Snowden, & George Venemon.

The minutes of the last stated, & intermediate meetings were read

The Rev Asa Brooks assigned reasons for absence since April 1823 which were sustained.

The Rev Alexr McCandles assigned reasons for not attending the last stated meeting & the Rev Messrs David Barclay, Jesse Smith, Thos Davis & Joseph Harper, assigned reasons for not attending the last intermediate meeting of Pby which were sustained

The Rev Messrs Wm Speer, A G Fairchild, & Alexr McCandles were appointed commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly; & the Rev Jesse Smith was appointed the alternate to Mr Speer, the Rev A O Patterson to A G Fairchild & the Rev Robt Johnson to Alexr. McCandles

The Treasurer reported the following sums recieved for the commissioners fund viz—

Mount pleasant & Sawickly	$6.75
Long run & McKeesport	5.00
Dunlaps creek & Brownsville	8.00
Fairfield, Ligioneer & Donegal	5.50
Rehoboth & Round hill	3.18
Salem & West Union	2.03
Ebenezer & Bethel	4.35
Beulah	4.25
Indiana & Gilgal	2.00
Saltsburgh & Warren	2.75
Uniontown & the Tent	5.00
Plumb creek & Poke run	4.75
Morgan town & Georges creek	4.00

The following Congregational reports were presented

CONGREGATIONS	Miss'y	Coms.	Educn.	per last report	Since added		died	Disd.	Suspd.	Total in Comm.	Bapt.d	Bapt.d	Total
					Exam.	Cert.					Adults	Infants	
Greensburgh & Unity				271	20	8	5	13	1	281	5	20	25
Plumb creek & Poke run		4:75		260	23	7	1	3	1	285	1	31	32
Lower Plumb creek, Glade-run & Jefferson				142	40	11	1	6	1	185	6	64	70
Rehoboth & Round hill	28:7	3:18¾	4:25	211	9	1	1	3		217	1	17	18
Beulah		4:25	8:30	140	23	10	7	6		160	7	42	49
Morgan Town Georges crk & Greensburgh		2	6:25	179	10	2	2	2		187	1	9	10
Indiana & Gilgal		2	2	151	18	1	1			171	7	40	47
French creek	7:37½		2	69	3		3	1	1	67	1	9	10
Ebenezer & Bethel	99:10	4:85¾		296	41	4	3	5		333	7	47	54
Mount pleasant & Sawickly	113:95	6:75	2	233	13	3	4	6	Rest'd 1	240		22	22
Salem & West Union	30:87	2:3	6	190	19	3	2			209	6	28	34
Fairfield Ligioneer & Donegal		5:50		320	26	3		3	1	345	4	52	56
Saltsburgh & Warren		2:75		64	32	28	2	2		116	4	32	36
Long run & McKeesport		5	40	108	51		3	4		152	14	37	51
Kittanning	2:00		3	29	9	4	1		1	40	5	9	14
Uniontown & Union		5		126	21	3	3	5		142	4	18	22

On motion resolved, that it be recommended to the members of P b y, to adopt more efficient measures for increasing the commissioners fund.

P b y entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Rev Messrs Robt Johnson & A. G. Fairchild were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject, to the next Genl Assembly.

Sessional reccords were called for; & the Rev Messrs James Graham & John Reed, were appointed a committee, to examin(e) the reccords of the Sessions of Rehoboth & Round hill; the Rev Messrs David Barclay & Saml Swan to examin(e) the reccords of the Session of French-creek; the Rev Messrs Asa Brooks & Joseph Harper, to examin(e) the reccords of the session of Plumb creek.

Mr John Kirkpatrick obtained permission to itinerate without the bounds of this P b y, untill their next stated meeting.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o clock;

concluded with prayer.

April 19, 9 o clock A. M. The P b y met & was constituted with prayer.

Members present as above. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Francis Laird appeared, & his reasons for not attending sooner, & also for not attending the last intermediate meeting of P b y, were sustained.

The committee appointed to prepare a report, on the state of religion, to the next Genl. Assembly; presented a draft, which was read and approved.

The committee appointed to examin(e) the reccords of the session of French creek reported, & the reccords were approved—The committee appointed to examin(e) the records of the sessions of Rehoboth & Round hill reported, & the records were approved.

It was moved & seconded, that sessions be required to reccord all the testimony, taken in Judicial proceedings, in the sessional book. Decided in the negative.

The Rev Francis Laird, was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Long Run.

Rev David Barclay, one Sabb. at discretion.

Rev Robt Johnson one Sabb. at Union.

Rev James Graham, one Sabb at McKeesport.

Rev John Reed, one Sabb. at discretion.

Rev Asa Brooks, one Sabb. at discretion.

Rev Jesse Smith, one Sabb. at Long run.

Rev A O Patterson, one Sabb at Uniontown, to administer the ordinance of the Supper; & the Rev James Gutherie to assist.———

Rev Thomas Davis, one Sabb at Unity
Rev Saml. Swan, one Sabb at Greensburgh.
Rev Joseph Harper, one Sabb at Unity.
Rev Wm Johnston, one Sabb at Georges creek.
Rev George Venemon, one Sabb at Morgan town.

From certificates of Settlement produced, it appeared that the Congregation of Plumb-creek stood indebted to the Rev Francis Laird on the 8th of April 1826 the sum of $218:52
And the Congn. of Poke-run, same date —— 267:20
The Congn of Round hill, to the Rev Robt Johnson Jenuary 1826 232:79
And the Congn. of Rehoboth, same date—clear———
The Congn. of Mount pleasant, Novr 1st 1825—clear—
And the Congn of Sawickly, on April 1st. 1826—clear—
The Congn. of Fairfield, to Rev Saml Swan April 1826 —— 50.00
The Congn of Ligoneer April 17 1826 33·77
The Congn. of Donegal, on April 1826—clear
The Congn of Salem, to Rev Thos Davis, Octor 12th. 1825 – 227:88½
And the Congn of West Union, same date.....315:77

P b y appointed their next stated meeting at Mount pleasant———

The Rev Alexr McCandles & John Barns elder, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P b y.

The proposed change in the ratio of representation, sent down by the last Genl. Assembly to the several P b y's, was considered & approved.

P b y took into consideration the injunction of the Genl. Assembly, respecting furnishing materials for a history of the Presbeterian Church, & appointed the Rev Messrs Wm. Speer, Robt Johnson & James Graham, a committee to attend to the subject—

On motion resolved, that P b y, hereafter support their own Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly.

Dr Elisha D Barritt, read an exegesus & Presbeterial exercise on the subjects assigned at the last stated meeting of P b y, which were sustained as parts of trial for licensure:

P b y then proceeded to examin(e) Dr. Barritt on the learned languages, & sustained his answers as part of trials; & he was appointed to prepare a Homily on John 1: 14 a lecture on Eph. 2: 1–7. & a popular sermon on the 1 Ch. of John 1: 9; to be delivered at our next Spring meeting

The committee appointed to examin(e) the sessional reccords of Plumb creek Congregation reported, & the reccords were approved.—

Rev Jesse Smith was appointed to open the next stated meeting with a sermon

Adjourned to meet at Mount pleasant on the first tuesday of October next Concluded with prayer

MOUNT PLEASANT *October 3d* 1826

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the Rev George Venemon, from Rom 6: 18 Constituted with prayer. — Members present,

Rev Messrs James Power D. D., Nathaniel R Snowden, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnson, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, A. G Fairchild, John- Reed, A. O. Patterson, Thos Davis, Saml. Swan, Joseph Harper, & Alexr McCandles;— With the Elders,

Messrs John Morison, Wm. McGary, Alexr Irwin, Francis Vance, John Giffin, Thos Wilson, Wm. Nickson, Peter Wallace, Robert Cambel, James Watson, Robt. Fulton, & John Dickie.

The Rev George Venemon having been detached by the Synod of Pittsburgh from the P b y of Ohio & attached to the P b y of Redstone appeared & took his seat as a member———

Absent Rev Messrs Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Swan, Asa Brooks & Jesse Smith

P b y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year: & the Rev John Reed was chosen Moderator, & the Rev Saml Swan Clerk.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Messrs Wm Speer, Wm Johnson & Nathaniel R Snowden, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting, & the Rev James Gutherie, for not attend(ing) the last & preceeding meetings of P b y which were sustained

A call was presented to P b y, from the Congn. of Harmony, for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr John H. Kirkpatrick, for which they promise him two hundred dollars a year.

Also a call from the Congregation of Armagh for one half of his Ministerial labours, for which they promise him one hundred & sixty dollars a year. P b y, after obtaining satisfaction that the way was open for presenting the calls, agreed to put them into his hands; of which he declared his acceptance——

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock: concluded with prayer—

WEDNESDAY *October 4th*

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The Rev James Gutherie obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P b y.

The Congn of Congruity applied to P b y for the administration of the Lords Supper, & the Rev Messrs Francis Laird & Thos Davis were appointed to perform that service on the fifth Sabbath of this Inst.

P b y agreed to reconsider a decision past at their last stated meeting on the subject of recording testimony in the session book.

Whereupon resolved, that the above decision be recinded, & that it be enjoined on sessions, in recording Judicial proceedings, to conform strictly to the letter & spirit of the Constitution.

Dr. Elisha D Barrett read a homily on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of P b y, which was sustained as part of trials for licensure.

A memorial was presented by Robert Ewing, a member of the Congregation of Ebenezer, complaining of the conduct of the session of that Church, & praying for redress.——Resolved, that Mr Ewing be permitted to bring forward testimony at the next stated meeting of P b y, to support his complaint: & that the session be cited to appear at the same time, in their own defence.

The Rev Nathaniel R Snowden obtained leave of absence, during the remaining sessions of P b y.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of P b y be at Long-run, on the 2d Tuesday of April next.

Pby took into consideration the case of Mr Mathew Dunlop, a Licentiate under their care; & having understood, by common fame, that he is unacceptable in the Churches where he supplied, & that his services do not appear to be edifying to the people, Therefore resolved, that his case be referred to the Synod of Pittsburgh for advice, whether it be expedient to recall his license

Mr John H Kirkpatrick was appointed to prepare a sermon on 1 Cor. 1: 30, as a part of trials for ordination, to be delivered at their next meeting.

On motion resolved that a special meeting of P b y be appointed on the 2d Tuesday of December next, at Armagh, for the purpose of examining Mr John H. Kirkpatrick, & ordaining him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, if the way be clear. The Rev Saml. Swan was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev David Barclay to preside & give the charge.

The following protest was offered, & ordered to be entered on the minutes viz

The undersigned, Members of the P b y of Redstone, beg leave to enter their solemn protest, against a decision of sd. P b y, appointing

a Special meeting for the purpose of examining Mr John H Kirkpatrick & ordaining him if the way be clear, & appointing Members to officiate on the occasion, for the following reasons viz

1 We consider such appointments unconstitutional—

2 We view them, in ordinary cases, inexpedient } Robt Jonson, A O Patterson, Saml Swan

Adjourned to meet at Armagh the 2d Tuesday of Decmr. next, concluded with prayer

In Synod Pittsburgh Oct 18th. 1826

Examined and approved thus far.

Obadiah Jennings
Moderator

ARMAGH *December* 12 1826

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr John H Kirkpatrick on the subject assigned him at their last meeting. Constituted with prayer

Members present

Rev Mrss David Barclay, Jesse Smith, Thos Davis, Joseph Harper, & Saml. Swan.—

Elders Mrss John Ewing, Daniel Smith, James McClain & George Bolar.— Absent

Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Wm Swan, Nathaniel R Snowden, Wm. Speer, Robt Johnson, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnson, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, George Venemon, Andrew O Patterson, Francis Laird, Alexr. McCandles & Asa Brooks

The Moderator being absent, the Rev David Barclay was chosen Moderator pro tem—

The Rev Jesse Smith assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of P b y, which were sustained.

P b y proceeded to examin(e) Mr John H Kirkpatrick on Ecclesiastical history, Church Government & the Sacraments, & sustained his answers as part of trials.

After due examination, P b y agreed to sustain the discourse delivered by Mr Kirkpatrick, as part of trials; & resolved to proceed to his ordination on to morrow.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at eleven O clock; concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

P b y met according to adjournment; members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

P b y proceeded to the ordination of Mr John H Kirkpatrick, & did by prayer & the imposition of hands, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, & installed him the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Harmony & Armagh.

The Rev Samuel Swan preached on the occasion & the Rev David Barclay presided & gave the charge

Adjourned to meet at Long run on the second Tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer

LONG-RUN *April* 10 1827

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened with a lecture by Mr Elisha D Barret, on the subject assigned him at their last stated meeting Constituted with prayer.

Members present

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, David Barclay, Robert Johnson, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnson, George Venemon, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Andrew O Patterson, Thos Davis, Saml. Swan, Alexander McCandles & John H. Kirkpatrick. Elders

Mrss Joseph Baldridge, Robert Smith, John Blythe, Wm. Nixon, James Caldwell, Peter Wallace, James Wilson, John Robison, Robert Fulton, George Bolar, Robert Renie, John Douglas, & James Dibel

Absent—Rev Mrss Jas. Power D D, Joseph W Henderson Wm. Swan, Nathaniel R Snowden, James Graham, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, & Joseph Harper.

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings were read

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, Robert Johnson, James Gutherie, Wm Johnson, George Venemon, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Andrew O Patterson & Alexr. McCandles assigned reasons for not attending sooner which were sustained

The Rev Jesse Smith assigned reasons for not attending sooner which were sustained

The Rev Stephen Frontis, from the P b y of Orange being present, & invited, took his seat as a corresponding member

The Congregation of Congruity requested liberty to present a call to the P b y of Washington for Mr John Stockton a licentiate under their care; which was granted

Mr Elisha D Barret delivered a popular sermon on the subject assigned him at the last stated meeting of Pby, which, together with the lecture delivered at the opening of P b y, was sustained as parts of trial for licensure

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock

concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 oclock

Pby met according to adjournment: members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Mrss Nathaniel R Snowden & James Graham being present, their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Pby entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Rev A. O. Patterson & Alexr McCandles were appointed to prepare a statement on the subject to the next Genl. Assembly

The Rev Francis Laird assigned reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained Pby proceeded to consider the complaint of Robert Ewing against the session of Ebenezer, & after hearing the parties at full length & examining the proceedings in the case, it was on motion unanimously resolved, that the Judgment of session be affirmed: & that Robert Ewing had no just ground for complaint

Dr. John J Steel presented an appeal from a decision of the Session of Georges Creek, by which he had been suspended from the communion of the Church. His reasons for not prosecuting his appeal within the limitted time were sustained, & Pby agreed to take it up. At the request of Dr. Steel, the further consideration of his appeal was posponed untill to morrow morning

The Rev Jesse Smith obtained leave of absence for the remaining Sessions of Pby.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of Pby be at Congruity, on the first Tuesday of October next

The Rev Mrss Francis Laird & James Graham were appointed a committee to prepare a report to the next Genl. Assembly on the proposed alterations in the Confession of faith & form of Church Government

Mr Elisha D Barret was examined on the Arts & Sciences, Natural & revealed Theology, Ecclesiastical history & Church Government, & his answers sustained as parts of trials—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O clock

Concluded with prayer

THURSDAY MORNING 9 o clock

Pby met according to adjournment, members present as above; after prayer the minutes of the last session were read

Pby resumed the consideration of the appeal of Dr. John J Steel; & after hearing the parties, & examining the reccords of Session in the case, unanimously affirmed the Judgment of the session. From this decision Dr. Steel appealed to the Synod of Pittsburgh; without assigning any reason except that he thought himself agrieved by the decision.

The Rev James Gutherie obtained leave of absence for the remaining sessions of P b y

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer & John Reed were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl Assembly, together with Mrss Paul Morrow & Joseph Baldridge Elders & the Rev A O Patterson was appointed Mr Speer's alternate & the Rev Robt Johnson, Mr Reed's

The committee appointed to prepare a report to the next Genl Assembly, presented the following, which was a dopted viz

The P b y of Redstone taking into consideration, the alterations proposed by the last Genl Assembly in the Confession of faith & form of Church Govert..

Resolved (Nem. con.) that this P b y cannot agree to the erasure of the last clause of Sectn. 4th Ch 24th of the confession of faith, for the following reasons.

1st Because the creed of every Church ought, to be derived immediately & wholly from rhe word of God; & if once rightly settled can never, with propriety be altered, in accommodation to any changes in human Society, or in the circumstances of the Church.

2d Because small alterations in the creed of a Church, is calculated to disturb the peace, & alarm the minds of its members, least they should prove the introduction to innovations of greater importance

3d. Because every person of Sound Judgment & accurate observation, must regard a Spirit of change in this perticular, as productive of the most mischievous results—It gives plausibility to the Infidel objection, that there is no truth clearly revealed in the word of God– Inasmuch as its friends pretend to find truths in it at one time, which at another, they discover to be false—and it distroys the public confidence in those, who maintain a system which is liable to continual fluctuation.

4th. Because they believe that the doctrine of the clause proposed to be erased from the Confession of faith, is evidently contained in the Divine law, prohibiting the inter marriages of near relations, if fairly & judiciously interpreted.

Resolved further, that in the opinion of this P b y, all alterations in, & additions to, the constitution of our Church, are calulated to violate established & useful habits; & that prudence requires that no such attempts should be made, unless imperious necessity requires it, which they cannot percieve in the present case; & are therefore of opinion, that the proposed alterations in, & additions to the constitution of our Church ought not to be made.—

Resolved that a Presbyterial fund be instituted; of which the Rev A O Patterson was appointed tresurer.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion reported & their report was accepted & approved

The following Congregational reports were received

CONGREGATIONS.	Miss fund	Com. fund	Educa fund	per last Report	Since added				Baptized		
					Certfk.	Exam	Died	Dism	Suspd.	Total	Adults	Infants	Total
Greensburgh & Unity	26	10	2	281	6	13	2	5	2	293	2	25	27
Plumb creek & Poke-run		3:25	2	285	1	35		1		315	1	33	34
Jefferson Lower Plumb creek & Glade-run			2	185		28	1		3	209	9	30	39
Rehoboth & Roundhill	18.90	4:93	6:42	117	7	7	1	4		226	2	14	16
Laurel hill & Tyrone		5:32½	2	207	12	23	13	18		210	4	28	32
Dunlaps creek & Brownsvill	19.87½	11:56¼	5:75	168		22		2		188	2	34	36
Jefferson & New providence	200	400	600	66		5	1		2	68		6	6
Georges ck Morgant'n Greensbg'h & Union		500	200	247	2	3	2	3	1	246	1	8	9
Mount pleasant & Sawickly	76:06¼	7:62½	500	233	600	33	1	7		264	5	33	38
Ebenezer & Bethel		2	2	333	5	39		5		372	3	44	47
Salem & West Union	11:78	4	375	227	7	39	2	5		266	7	18	25
Fairfield Ligtoneer & Donigal	13.25	4	4:37½	345	5	22	1	7	2	262	1	43	44
Saltsburgh & Warren		400	2	114	9	33	2	6	1	147	6	44	50
Long run & McKeesport	3	6:75	42:25	156	10	19	1	5	1	178	15	30	45
Uniontown		2		60	1					61		5	5

At Long Run April 12 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven. The P b y of Redstone, having received testimonials in favour of Dr. Elisha D Barret; of his having gone thro' a regular course of literature; of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the Church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in Divinity & other studies. The P b y did & hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the P b y did, & hereby do license the said Elisha D Barret to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy Ministry, within the bounds of this P b y, or where ever else he shall be duly called.

The Rev Ashbel G Fairchild, requested leave to resign the Pastoral charge of Morgan town & Greensburgh; & the Congregations were accordingly cited to appear by their commissioners at the next State meeting of P b y, to show cause, if any they have, why the request should not be granted.

The Rev James Graham was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Union town at discretion
The Rev David Barclay one Sab. at Gilgal
The Rev Wm. Johnson one Sabb. at Union town
The Rev A G Fairchild one Sabb at discretion
The Rev A O Patterson one Sabb at Congruity
The Rev Thos Davis one Sabb at Unity
The Rev Jesse Smith one Sabb at Indiana
The Rev Saml Swan one Sabb at Unity
The Rev Alexr McCandles one Sabb at Greensburgh
The Rev George Venemon one Sabb at discretion
The Rev John H Kirkpatrick one Sabb at Johnstown
The Rev Joseph Harper one Sabb at Indiana
The Rev James Gutherie one Sabb at Saltlick

Mr Mathew Dunlop, requested to be dismissed from this P b y, to put himself under the care of the P b y of Richland, which was granted; & the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with the requisite testimonials

Mr E. D. Barret obtained permission to Itinerate out of the bounds of this P b y, untill their next meeting

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the 1st Tuesday of October next. Concluded with prayer.—

CONGRUITY *August* 29 1827

P b y met agreeably to the call of the Moderator, for the purpose of recieving Mr Saml. McPherrin, a Licentiate from the P b y of Washington, under their care & to attend to such other things as might appear necessary, to prepare the way for his ordination at their next Stated meeting Constituted with prayer

Members present——

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, James Graham, Andrew O Patterson, Thos Davis, Jesse Smith, Joseph Harper, & Saml Swan— Elders Wm. Gutherie & John Dickie— Absent The Rev Mrss James Power D D Joseph W Henderson, Wm Swan, Francis Laird, Nathaniel R Snowden, David Barclay, Robt Johnson, James Gutherie, Wm Johnson, A G Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, George Venemon, Alexr. McCandles, & John H Kirkpatrick——

The Moderator being absent, the Rev Wm Speer was appointed Moderator pro tem.

Mr Saml. McPherrin produced a dismission, with a certificate of his good standing, from the P b y of Washington, & desired to be taken under the care of this P b y which was granted.

A call was presented to P b y from the Congn. of Congruity, for the whole of the ministerial labours of Mr Saml McPherrin, in which they promise him the sum of five hundred dollars a year, to be paid in simi-annual instalments

P b y agreed to put the call in the hands of Mr McPherrin, of which he declared his acceptance

P b y then proceeded to examine Mr McPherrin on the learned languages, on his experimental acquaintance with religion, the Natural & moral sciences, Natural & Revealed Theology, Ecclesiastical history & Church Government; & having sustained his answers as part of trials for ordination, appointed him to prepare a sermon on John 14: 6: to be delivered at their next meeting

P b y agreed to ordain Mr Saml McPherrin at their next meeting if the way be clear; & for this purpose, the Rev A O Patterson was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev Saml. Swan to be his alternate; & the Rev Wm Speer to preside & give the charge, & the Rev James Graham to be his alternate—

Concluded with prayer

CONGRUITY *October 2d* 1827

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr Saml McPherrin on the subject assigned him at their special meeting Constituted with prayer.

Members present.

The Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, Nathaniel R Snowden, David Barclay, Robert Johnson, James Graham, Thos Davis, Joseph Harper, Saml Swan, Alexr McCandles, & John H Kirkpatrick.

Elders Wm. Gutherie, Archibald McIntosh, Charles Caruthers, John McPheeters, Wm. McQuiston James Gutherie, Wm Pennie, John McConahy, Wm. Marshall & John Leisure.——Absent The Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Swan, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnson, A. G. Fairchild, John Reed, A. O. Patterson, George Venemon & Asa Brooks.

P b y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year; & the Rev Thos Davis was chosen Moderator, & the Rev James Graham Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated, & the last special meeting were read.

The Rev Joseph Harper assigned reasons for not attending the last Stated meeting of P b y which were sustained

P b y agreed to sustain the discourse delivered by Mr Saml McPherrin as part of trials for ordination, & resolved to proceed to his ordination on to morrow morning at 11 o'clock

On enquiry it appeared that the Members had fulfilled their appointments to supply.

The Rev Jesse Smith, now present, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev Mrss Nathaniel R Snowden, David Barclay, Francis Laird, Robt Johnson, Alexr McCandles & John H Kirkpatrick, assigned reasons for not attending the last special meeting of P b y which were sustained

P b y entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Rev Mrss Francis Laird & Jesse Smith were appointed a committee to prepare a report to Synod on the subject.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock

Concluded with prayer—

Wednesday morning 9 o clock

P b y met according to adjournment, Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Congregations of Lower Plumb creek & Glade run requested that the Rev David Barclay be continued as a Stated Supply, one fourth of his time in each place, which was granted

At the request of Mrss Barclay & the Commissioner from those Congregations, the Rev Mrss Robert Johnson & Jesse Smith were ap-

pointed to prepare a letter, to be forwarded to them on the subject of remunerating Mr Barclay for his labors among them

Mr Elisha D Barret was appointed to supply three or four Sabbaths at Union town & the rest of his time, he obtained liberty (to) employ, out of the bounds of this Pby untill their next stated meeting

Pby proceeded to the ordination of Mr Saml. McPherrin & did by prayer & the imposition of hands, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry & installed him the regular Pastor of Congruity Congregation

The Rev Saml Swan preached on the occasion & the Rev Wm. Speer presided & gave the charge

On motion resolved that the next stated meeting of Pby be at Saltsburgh on the first Tuesday of April next; & the Rev Robt Johnson was appointed to open Pby

The Rev Mrss Robert & Wm. Johnson were appointed to supply, each one Sabb. at Uniontown

The following charges were presented to Pby by David Johnson Elder, against the Rev Nathl. R Snowden viz

1st That he has been guilty of misrepresentation & falshood (1) In stating on frequent occasions, that David Johnson, a Justice of the peace, had charged illegal fees viz three dollars in a certain case, where Thomas McConnel was plaintiff & the said N R Snowden deft.; when in fact, the fees charged were only $101½ for both Constable & Justices fees. Which was well known to the said N. R. Snowden (2) That he read, or pretended to read, to a number of persons, a paper, which he alleged was signed by Margaret Graham, tending to exculpate himself from a former charge; when in fact, the said Margret Graham had refused to sign said paper, in Consequence of its containing a false statement of the transaction alluded to. This occurred some time in August last

2d Disorderly conduct in general—

1st. In quarrelling with his son in his own house.

2d. In giving public notice that his son would preach, when he knew he was deposed.

Witnesses to support the 1st charge, Robt Brown Margaret Graham Mary Johnson

2d Charge Robert Speer, Philip Rigis & Church Reccords.

Pby agreed to take up the charge, & ordered the Clerk to furnish Mr Snowden with a coppy which was done; & citations were given to the parties for such witnesses as they named.

The Rev Mrss John Reed, Jesse Smith & Saml. McPherrin, with the Elders, John Douglas & Archibald McIntosh, were appointed a Committee to meet in Kittaning on the 2d Tuesday of Novr next, to take testimony in the above case. Pby agreed to meet in Greensburgh, on the 2d Tuesday of Decr next. Adjourned to meet in Pittsburgh on the friday after the meeting of Synod. Concluded with prayer

In Synod , Oct. 18th– 1827
Examined and approved thus far.
E. P. Swift
Modr.

PITTSBURGH *October 19th* 1827

Pby met according to adjournment, Constituted with prayer. Members present.

Rev Mrss Nathaniel R Snowden, Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Johnson, James Graham, Wm– Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, George Venemon, Joseph Harper, Alexander McCandless, John H Kirkpatrick & Saml. McPherren.

Absent. The Rev Mrss James Power D. D., Joseph W. Henderson, Jas Gutherie, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Andw O Patterson, David Barclay, Thos Davis & Saml Swan.

The minutes of the last meeting of Pby were read.

The Rev Mrss George Venemon, A. G. Fairchild, John Reed & Wm. Johnston, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Pby, which were sustained

The Rev A. G. Fairchild renewed his request, for leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Congns. of Morgantown & Greensburgh. Pby being assured that said Congregations did assent to the request of Mr Fairchild it was accordingly granted.

A Call was presented to Pby by the Congregation of Union, for one half of the Ministerial labours of the Rev A. G. Fairchild, in which they promise him 200 dollars to be paid in simi annual Instalments.

Pby having assertained that the way was clear, agreed to put the call into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance

On motion resolved, that the Rev Mrss Robert Johnson. Wm Johnston, George Venemon & James Gutherie & A O Patterson, be a committee to install the Rev A. G. Fairchild in the Congn. of Union, on the 2d Monday of Novr. next; & that the Rev George Venemon preach on the Occasion, & the Rev Wm. Johnston be his alternate: & the Rev Robert Johnson preside & give the charge.

Adjourned to meet in Greensburgh the 2d Tuesday of Decr. next.
Concluded with prayer

GREENSBURGH *Decr.* 11*th* 1827

Pby met according to adjournment, constituted with prayer. Members present

The Rev Mrss Nathaniel R Snowden, Wm. Speer, Robert Johnson, Andrew O Patterson, & Thos Davis. With the Elders: John Cuningham, Wm Marshal, Paul Morrow, Jacob Dibel, James Calwell & Joseph Kibler.

Absent The Rev Mrss James Power D. D. Joseph W Henderson, David Barclay, Francis Laird, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Saml. Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexr McCandles, George Venemon, John H Kirkpatrick & Saml McPherren

The Rev Wm. Swan departed this life Novr 13th 1827

The clerk being absent, the Rev A O Patterson was chosen Clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the last Stated & intermediate meetings were read.

The Rev A. O. Patterson assigned reasons for not attending the last stated & intermediate meetings of Pby which were sustained

Mr John Holmes Agnew, a licentiate from the Pby of Carlisle appeared, & expressed a desire to put himself under the care of this Pby. And having produced a certificate of his good standing & regular dismission from that Pby, was accordingly recieved.

A call from the Congn. of Uniontown for the whole of the Ministerial labours of Mr J. H Agnew, promising him four hundred dollars a year, was presented to Pby.

After due consideration Pby agreed to put the call into the hands of Mr J H Agnew, of which he declared his acceptance

The Rev Mrss Saml McPherren & Jesse Smith appeared, & assigned reasons for not attending sooner which were sustained

The Rev Francis Laird appeared, & assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained

Pby proceeded to examin Mr J. H. Agnew on his experimental acquaintance with religion, on the learned languages, the natural & moral Sciences, & Theology, & sustained his answers as parts of trial for ordination

Pby proceeded to the considiration of the charges preferred by David Johnston Elder against the Rev Nathaniel R Snowden, & after hearing a part of the Testimony obtained by the committee appointed for that purpose, adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O clock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning nine O clock.

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

P b y resumed the consideration of Mr Snowden's case, & the testimony being finished & the parties heard at full leangth, the Rev Mrss Robert Johnson & Francis Laird, with Paul Morrow Elder were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute on the subject

P b y having heard with much pleasure, that the Philadelphia Bible Society, has adopted a resolution, to supply, within three years, every destitute family in the state of Pena. with the Sacred Scriptures.

On motion resolved, that this P b y do heartily approve of the Spirit manifested in the foregoing resolution, & engage to use their best endeavours, in co-operation with the beneficent efforts of that Society in furthering so important an object.

P b y also resolved to recommend to the Congns. under their care, a more efficient co-operation, in the efforts of the A. B. Society, to furnish the Sacred Scriptures to the needy & destitute in our own & foreign Countries.

The Rev Thos Davis preached the opening sermon last evining from Gal. 1: 10

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the trial of the Rev N. R. Snowden, presented a report, which was adopted, & is as follows viz

P b y after maturely deliberating on the charges prefered against the Rev Nathaniel R Snowden & the evidence produced to support them, decided, that none of them were substantiated by testimony excepting the last specification.

P b y, however are of opinion, that a degree of impropriety, appears from the testimony, to attach to the conduct of Mr Snowden, in reading a certificate which he had drawn up for Miss Graham to sign, tending to exculpate him from another charge, before he obtained her signature, & which, according to his own acknowledgment, she afterwards refused to sign, because, as she alleged, the contents of the certificate were not correct.

And further: that the conduct, of Mr, Snowden in making an appointment for his son to preach, was highly improper, & inconsistant with the purity & peace of the Church, & with the character & standing of the Gospel Ministry; & therefore Judge that he acknowlege his fault in the above perticulars, & be solemnly admonished by the Moderator.

Resolved, that the Moderator admonish the prosecutor, for not

having taken that precaution he ought to have done, to assertain, whether he had sufficient evidence to support the charges, before he presented them to P b y.

P b y taking into view the importance of Sabbath Schools, for the moral & religious instruction of the rising generation, do most earnestly recommend to the churches under their care, a more special & vigorous attention to the promotion of these beneficent Institutions in their respective bounds.

P b y agreed to meet at Uniontown on the 4th. Wednesday of Jeny. next at two Oclock P. M. for the purpose of ordaining Mr J. H. Agnew, if the way be clear; & in this event, the Rev A. O. Patterson was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev George Venemon his alternate; & the Rev. A. G. Fairchild to preside & give the charge, & the Rev. Wm. Johnston his alternate

Mr J. H. Agnew was appointed to prepare a discourse on 2 Cor. 3: 18, to be delivered at their next meeting, as part of trials for ordination.

The Committee appointed to Install the Rev A. G. Fairchild, Pastor of the Congregation of Union, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them

Resolved that the testimony in the case of Mr Snowden be kept on file.

Mr J. H. Agnew was appointed to supply at at Rehoboth the first Sabbath of Jenuary, & the Rev Alexr. McCandles, at Round hill the 2d Sabb. of Jenuary.

Adjourned to meet at Uniontown on the 4th. Wednesday of Jeny. next. Concluded with prayer

Uniontown *Jany.* 25*th.* 1828

P b y met according to adjournment, constituted with prayer.

Members present

The Rev Mrss Robert Johnson, James Gutherie, Ashbel G Fairchild & Andrew O Patterson: with the Elders Benjamin Laughead, & Thomas Lewis Absent

The Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson Nathaniel R Snowden, Wm. Speer, David Barclay, Francis Laird, James Graham, Wm. Johnston, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Thos Davis, Saml Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexr McCandles, George Venemon, John H Kirkpatrick & Saml McPherren

The Moderator & Clerk being absent, the Rev Robert Johnson was chosen Moderator, & Rev Andrew O Patterson Clerk pro. tem.

The Rev A G Fairchild assigned reasons for not attendin(g) the last intermediate, the Rev James Gutherie, for not attending the last stated & intermediate meetings of P b y, which were sustained.

P b y proceeded to examine Mr J. H. Agnew, on Ecclesiastical History & Church-Government, & sustained his answers as parts of trials.

Mr J H Agnew delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him at the last stated meeting of P b y. which was sustained as part of trials for ordination.

P b y being fully satisfied as to the qualifications of Mr J. H. Agnew to preach the Gospel, resolved to proceed to his ordination on to morrow at 11 O clock.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 11 o clock.

Concluded with prayer

THURSDAY MORNING

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Wm. Johnston appeared, & his reasons for not attending sooner, & also for not attend(ing) the last intermediate meeting of P b y were sustained.

P b y proceeded to the ordination of Mr J. H. Agnew, & did, by prayer & the imposition of the hands of the P b y, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel ministry, & installed him the regular Pastor of the Congregation of Uniontown—

The Rev Andrew O Patterson preached on the occasion, & the Rev Ashbel G. Fairchild presided & gave the charge

Adjourned to meet at Saltsburgh on the first Tuesday of April next

Concluded with prayer

SALTSBURGH *April 1st* 1828

P b y met according to adjournment & was opened by the Rev Robert Johnson, with a sermon on 2 Cor: 10. 4: 5. Constituted with prayer. Members present.

Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, Nathaniel R. Snowden, Robert Johnson, James Graham, John Reed, Andrew O Patterson, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexander McCandles, John H. Kirkpatrick & Samuel McFarren—— With the Elders

Saml. Paul, Thos Hamilton, Benjamin Irwin, John Ewing, Henry Fulton, Wm. McQuisten, John Robinson & John S. Adair—

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings were read—

Absent. The Rev Mrss– James Power D. D. Joseph W. Henderson, James Gutherie, William Johnston, George Venemon, David

Barclay, Ashbel G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith & John H. Agnew.

The Rev Mrss James Graham, John Reed, Saml. Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexr McCandles & John H Kirkpatrick assigned reasons for not attending the late intermediate meetings of P.b.y. at Greensburgh & Union-town; & the Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, Nathaniel R. Snowden, Thomas Davis & Saml. McFarren, for not attending the last of these meetings, which were sustained

The Rev John Joice, a member of the P.b.y. of Harmony, being present, & invited, took his seat as a corresponding member

The Rev Wm. Kenedy from the P.b.y. of Alegheny, asked permission to preach in the bounds of this P.b.y. untill our next meeting, which was granted.

An application from East Liberty, praying to be erected into a congregation, was presented to P.b.y.

After some discussion on the subject of the above petition. Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock—

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Rev John H. Agnew appeared & his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained

Pby resumed the consideration of the petition from East Liberty, & after considerable discussion, it was on motion resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted; & the Rev Mrss Joice & Graham were appointed to organize the congregation.

Of this decision Mr Graham declared his intention to complain to the Synod of Pittsburgh for the following reasons viz

1 Because the Pby acted precipitately in the case, & refused to give his Congregation a hearing

2 Because he sincerely believed, their decision was directly calculated to destroy the Congregation over which he had been Pastor for 23 or 24 years

3 Because the precedent, if generally acted on, would destroy a great proportion of the Congregations in the bounds of the Pby.

4 Because there was only a small proportion of those who applied for the erection of a new Congregation presbyterians.

5 Because the decision implied a reflection or censure on him, for neglect of Ministerial duties

Signed James Graham.

CONGREGATIONS	Total per l. report	Since Added		Died	Dismt.	Suspd	Total now in Comn	Baptized			Missy fund	Comrs. fund	Education fund
		On Exn.	On Cert.					Adults	Infants	total			
Greensburgh & Unity	293	13	2		13		295	1	14	15		12:28	17
Plumb-creek & Poke-run	320	24	4	1	9		338	1	39	40	134	3:55½	
Kittanning	40			1		2	43		10	10	2		3
Rehoboth & Round hill	226	4	5	2	5		228	1	14	15	145:45	3:50	3:50
Beulah	160	20	14	8	7	2	177		41	41	140	4	10
Lauril hill & Tyrone	211	23	4	4	13		221	6	21	27	114	3	
Indiana & Gilgal	192	18	5	3	4	1	207	1	47	48	3:94	3:50	2
Ebenezar & Bethel	372	33	5	9	11		390	3	28	31	85	2:50	
Mount pleasant & Sawickly	264	17	11	2	3		287	6	19	25	234:10	7:37½	2
Salem & West Union	248	30	24	6	5	1	290	3	25	28	68:34	10:91	9:25
Fairfield Ligonier & Donegal	345	30		4	1		370	6	39	45		5	9:60
Long run & McKeesport	178	27	11	1	6		209	3	33	36	99:91		2
Harmony & Armah	40	7	11				58	1	40	41		2	
Congruity	266	14	4	5	29		250		29	29	95:30	4	2
Uniontown	61	1	5	1	1		65	2	7	9		2	
Saltsburgh & Warren	147	5	4		2	1	153	4	32	36		3:91	

Pby entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds; & the Rev Mrss A. O. Patterson & Saml. McFarren were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject to the next Genl. Assembly

The Rev Mrss Francis Laird & John H Kirkpatrick requested leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Pby which was granted.

Applications for supplies were presented from the congregations of Glade run & Genner—

The Rev Mrss Robert Johnson & Saml McFarren with Joseph Baldrige Elders were appointed commissioners to the next Genl Assembly—

From certificates presented it appeared that the Congregation of Sawickly had paid up the Salery in full untill the 1st. of April 1828—& Mount Pleasant untill the 1st of Novr. 1827: & that the Congregation of Salem was indebted to the Rev Thos Davis $154:43 on the 1st of October 1827

The Rev Wm. Speer was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Congruity, Francis Laird one Sabbath at Congruity, James Graham one Sabb. at discretion, John Reed one Sabb. at Glade-run, Andrew O. Patterson one Sabb. at Rehoboth, Thomas Davis one Sabb. at discretion, Alexr McCandles one Sabb. at Round hill, Joseph Harper one Sabb. at discretion, Saml. Swan, to administer the sacrament of the Supper at Genner & John H Kirkpatrick to assist, John H Agnew, one Sabb. at discretion, James Gutherie, one Sabb. at Rehoboth, Wm. Johnston one Sabb. at discretion, George Venemon, one Sabb. at discretion, Jesse Smith one Sabb. at Congruity. David Barclay one Sabb. at discretion, Ashbel G. Fairchild one Sabb at discretion

On motion resolved that the next stated meeting of P.b.y. be at Sawickly. & the Rev John H. Agnew was appointed to preach

Resolved that it be enjoined on the members of P.b.y, to comply with the injunction of the last General Assembly, on the subject of collections for the missionary fund.

Resolved, that the members of P.b.y. instruct those who may be appointed to collect for missionary purposes, to provide themselves with two subscription papers, one for the Board of foreign Missions & one for the Board of Missions under the care of the Genl. Assembly, & for the western missionary Society.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly the 1st. Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with prayer

EBENEZER *June 3rd* 1828

Presbytery met at the call of the moderator—Constituted with prayer—members present; the Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel R. Snowden,

John Reed, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis, and Joseph Harper; with the Elder, John Ewing—Absent the Rev. Messrs James Power D. D., Joseph W Henderson, William Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Johnson, James Graham, James Gutherie, William Johnston, Ashbel G. Fairchild, David Barclay, Andrew O. Patterson, George Venemon, Asa Brooks, Samuel Swan, Alexander McCandles, Samuel McFerren, John H. Kirkpatrick, and John H. Agnew.

The Rev. Jesse Smith was appointed clerk pro tem.

The Rev Nathaniel R. Snowden presented a request to be dismissed from this Presbytery, to join the Presbytery of Huntingdon, which was granted, and he is hereby dismissed as a Member in regular standing

Adjourned Concluded with prayer

Sawickly *Tuesday October 7th* 1828

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev George Venemon, from Malachi 4th. 2nd

Constituted with prayer

Members present, the Rev Messrs William Speer, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnson, James Graham, James Gutherie, William Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, Andrew O Patterson, George Venemon, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexander McCandles, John H Kirkpatrick, Samuel McFarren and J. Holmes Agnew; with the elders Joseph Baldridge, John Cowan, William Kirkpatrick, Alexander Irwin, Charles Carothers, Francis Vance, Enoch French, Samuel Carothers, Abraham Fulton, Robert Fulton, William Marshal, Francis G. Bailey and James Hamilton

Absent—the Rev Messrs James Power D. D., Joseph W Henderson, John Reed, Asa Brooks, & Jesse Smith.

The Rev. Messrs David Barclay, William Johnston, George Venemon, Ashbel G Fairchild, and James Gutherie assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained.

On inquiry it appeared that the members present had faithfully fulfilled their appointments, to supply—

The Rev. John Joice, a member of the Presbytery of Harmony, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding Member

The Rev. Messrs. William Spear, David Barclay, Francis Laird, James Graham, Robert Johnson, James Gutherie, Andrew O Patterson, George Venemon, William Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, Samuel Swan, Alexander McCandles, John H Kirkpatrick, Samuel McFarren, and John H. Agnew assigned reasons for not attending the last pro re nata meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

The Rev Samuel Swan was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Samuel McFarren Clerk, for the ensuing year.

The Rev Messrs. Andrew O Patterson and Robert Johnson were appointed a committee to take into consideration the recommendation of the General Assembly, on the subject of intemperance.

The Rev Messrs Francis Laird and William Johnston, were appointed a committee, to take into consideration, the recommendation of the General Assembly, on the subject of the General Union for promoting the observance of the Christian Sabbath.

The Rev Mrss J. Holmes Agnew & Saml McFarren were appointed a committee, to take into consideration the recommendation of the last Genl Assembly, on the subject of educating young men for the Gospel Ministry.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 Oclock

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 O clock

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read—

A call was presented from the Congregation of Lower Plumb creek, for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr Elisha D Barret, in which they promise him two hundred dollars a year, in regular half yearly payments; & also a call from the Congregation of Glade-run, for one half of his Ministerial labours, in which they promise him two hundred dollars a year, in regular half yearly payments

P b y, having assertained that the calls were regularly prepared, & no obstacles in the way, agreed to put them into Mr Barrets hands, of which he declared his acceptance

Mr Barret was directed to prepare a discourse on Col, 1: 14 to be delivered at the next meeting of P b y, as part of trials for ordination

P b y agreed to meet at lower Plumb creek on the second Tuesday of December next, to ordain Mr Elisha D Barret if the way be clear; & the Rev Jesse Smith was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev Saml McFarren his alternate, & the Rev John Reed to preside & give the charge, & the Rev Joseph Harper his alternate.

Mr Adam Torrence offered himself as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. P b y having assertained that Mr Torrence is a member of the Church in good standing & has passed thro a regular course of education, proceeded to examin(e) him on his experimental acquaintance with religion, his knowledge of the Latin & greek languages, & the natural & moral Sciences, & sustained his answers as parts of trial.

The following question was assigned to Mr Torrence as a theme for exegesis

Quod objectum est, et quae causa efficiens fidei?

On motion resolved, that it be recommended to the Members of this P b y, to pay more particular attention to the constitutional injunction on the subject of reading the Sacred Scriptures, as a part of Divine Service, on the Sabbath

A memorial from the Congregation of Beula, praying the P b y to reconsider their decision, relative to the organization of a congregation at East Liberty was presented.

After some discussion, the consideration of this memorial was indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the recommendation of (the) last Genl Assembly, on the subject of the Genl Union for promoting the observance of the Christian Sabbath, presented the following report, which was adopted ——

The P b y of Redstone, view the observance of the Christian Sabbath, of vital importance, in cherishing the benign influence of religion in our happy land:—in promoting that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation—& extending thro' every class of Society, that knowledge & virtue which are the stability of our times– And believing that a careful observance of the duties of that sacred day, is absolutely necessary, for training up & qualifying immortal creatures for that "rest which remains for the people of God beyond the grave." Therefore.

Resolved, that this P b y highly approve of the formation of the Genl Union for promoting the observance of the Christian Sabbath, & do earnestly recommend to their Members & the Churches under their care, a special attention to the recommendation of the last Genl Assembly, to promote the great object of the above Union, by the formation of auxiliary associations, as far as practicable, in all our Congregation(s), & by inforcing the discipline of the Church, whenever the Sabbath is profaned by any of its members

The committee, to whom was referred, the recommendation of the Genl Assembly on the subject of intemperance, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted

Whereas a Society has been formed in Boston, by a number of pious, philanthropic & patriotic men, from different parts of the United States, denominated the American Society for the promotion of temperance, the object of which is, to discourage the habitual & distructive use of ardent spirits; & whereas the Genl Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, have highly approved of the object of this Society, & recom-

mended it to the attention & and co-opperation of the Presbyteries & churches under their care. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. that this P b y cordially approve of the above Society, as proceeding from pious & humane motives; & calculated, under the smiles of a merciful Providence, to check the progress, if not entirely to remove the distructive consequences of intemperance.

2nd Resolved, that we, the members of this P b y, will not make use of spirituous liquours ourselves, nor have them used in our families, except as medicine—that we will not furnish them as an article of accommodation for our friends, & that we will, in all suitable ways, discourage the use of them in the families, & among the people of our respective charges, & in the community generally. We do moreover earnestly hope, that entire abstinance from the use of ardent spirits, except as a medicine, will become general, especially among those who bear the christian name.

The above resolutions, your committee think, are justified, by the few following reasons.—viz Intemperance is evidently a growing evil, extending its desolating influence wlth fearful rapidity thro the land, exhibiting mournful cause of alarm to the friends of Religion & humanity. Its ravages are not confined to the ranks of those, who are marshalled under the banners of the God of this world, but have extended even into the precincts of the visible Church; & therefore call loudly for the united efforts of all the friends of God & man, to stay the progress of this deadly foe.

It is given as the deliberate opinion of numerous & highly respectable Medical Societies that, what is called the temperate use of ardent spirits, is injurious to health: & it is believed, from the most correct estimates that are made on the subject, that not less than 30.000 human beings, in these united states, anually fall victims to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors; & probably not less than 100.000 are rendered useless, if not a nuisance to Society. But when we turn our attention to the effects of intemperance, either with regard to its demoralizing influence on Society, or its awful consequences as connected with the retributions of eternity, we are filled with horror, & constrained to use every lawfull effort, & make every reasonable sacrifice, to rescue our fellow men from impending ruin.

Inasmuch as the experience of ages has proved that, neither civil enactments, nor coercive measures, have presented barriers sufficient to stem this torrent of iniquity which threatens to inundate our land, it is believed, the only alternative is, for the friends of humanity & religion, to endeavour, both by precept & example, so to revolutionize public

opinion on this subject, that the common use of ardent spirits, either in public meetings or social intercourse, shall no longer be regarded as reputable.

Experience has clearly established the fact, that so long as even the temperate use of ardent spirits is considered a necessary refreshment or a mark of hospitality, the evil will doubtless increase; it is therefore believed, that the only expedient that can be adopted with hope of success is, intire abstinance, except for purposes purely medicinal.

On motion resolved, that it be recommended to the Members of this P b y, to pay particular attention to the directions of the Genl. Assembly, & the subsequent resolution of the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of intercommunion with other churches.

The Rev John Joice reported, that he had, according to the instructions of P b y, organized a Congregation at East Liberty, with thirty one members, & three Elders.

Mr. Wm. Marshal, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P b y

Mr Mathew Dunlop obtained leave to itinerate without the bounds of this P b y for one year

Resolved that the next stated meeting of P b y be at Greensburgh & the Rev J. Holms Agnew was appointed to open P b y with a sermon.

The Rev Thos Davis was appointed to supply one Sabbath at Kittaning

Ordered, that each Minister supply one Sabbath at discretion, before the next stated meeting of P b y.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on Monday the 20th Inst.

Concluded with prayer.

In Synod *Oct.* 17*th*— 1828.

Examined and Approved thus far.

James Wright Mod—

PITTSBURGH *October* 20*th*. 1828

P.b.y met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer

The application to which the P b y expected to attend at this meeting, & for which it was appointed, not being presented, P b y adjourned to meet at Greensburgh on the first Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

Roll of Presbytery at this date and the following Months—

Rev. James Power D. D.	W. C. Died Aug. 5th 1830
Joseph W. Henderson	W. C.
Francis Laird	Plumb creek & Poke-run
David Barclay	Jefferson
Robert Johnston	Rehoboth & Roundhill
James Graham	Beulah
James Gutherie	Lauril hill & Tyrone
William Johnston	Brownsville & Dunlaps creek
Ashbel G. Fairchild	Georges creek & Union
John Reed	Indiana & Gilgal
Asa Brooks	French creek
Jesse Smith	Ebenezer & Bethel
Andw. O Patterson	Mount pleasant & Sawickly
Thomas Davis	Salem & West Union
Samuel Swan	Fairfield, Ligioneer & Donegal
Joseph Harper	W. C.
George Venemon	Jefferson & New Providence
Alexander McCandles	Long run & McKeesport
John H. Kirkpatrick	Harmony & Armah
Samuel McFarren	Congruity
J. Holms Agnew	Uniontown
Elisha D. Barrett	Lower Plumb creek & Glade run
Robert Henry	Greensburgh & Unity
S. Howell Terry	Somerset & Gener
James Campbell	Kittaning & Crooked creek
Watson Hughs	Saltsburgh & Warren

Subsequent Roll—

Robert Johnston	Rehoboth & Round hill
James Gutherie	Laurel hill & Tyrone
William Johnston	Brownsville & Tyrone
Ashbel G. Fairchild	Georges creek & Union (Tent)
Asa Brooks	Clarksburgh & French creek
George Venemon	Jefferson & New Providence
Andrew O. Patterson	Mount pleasant & Sawickly
Alexander McCandles	Long run & McKeesport
Robert Henry	Greensburgh & Unity
S. Howel Terry	Somerset & Genner
Joseph Harper	W. C.
Joel Stoneroad	Uniontown
Cyrus B. Bristol Missy.	Middletown
Noah H. Gillett	Connellsville
Jas. McDougall	Indian creek
	Morgantown
Wm. Annan	Connellsville
Saml. Montgomery.	Sandy Creek
	Stuarts town
	Stuarts Run

PITTSBURGH *October 20th* 1828

P.b.y. met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer. Members present, Rev Mrss Wm. Speer, Robt. Johnston. James Graham, Wm. Johnston, Andw. O Patterson, Joseph Harper. Saml. Swan, Alexr. McCandles & Saml. McFarren.

Absent the Rev Mrss Jas. Power D. D. Joseph W. Henderson, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Jas. Gutherie, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, John H. Kirkpatrick, A. G. Fairchild, George Venemon, Thos Davis & J. H Agnew.

The Rev Mrss A. O. Patterson & Saml McFarren, were appointed to prepare a report to the Synod on the subject of religion within our bounds.

Adjourned to meet at lower Plumb creek on the 1st. Tuesday of Decr. next.

Concluded with prayer.

LOWER PLUMB CREEK *Decr. 9th* 1828

P b y met according to adjournment, & was opened by Mr Elisha D Barret, with a sermon on the subject assigned him at the last stated meeting, as part of trials for ordination. Constituted with prayer. Members present.

The Rev Mrss David Barclay, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Joseph Harper, & John H Kirkpatrick; with the Elders, Benjn. Irvin, Wm. Anthony, Robert Walker & James Watson.—

Absent the Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Wm Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm Johnston, A G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, A. O. Patterson, Thos. Davis, Saml. Swan, George Venemon, Alexr. McCandless, John H. Kirkpatrick, Saml. McFarren, & J. Holms Agnew.

The Rev John Reed was chosen Moderator & the Rev Jesse Smith clerk pro tem

P b y proceeded to examine the discourse delivered by Mr Barret & agreed to sustain it as part of trials.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at ten Oclock.

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

P b y met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer. Members present as above.

The minutes of the last session were read. P b y proceeded to the ordination of Mr Elisha D Barret, & did by prayer & the laying on of

the hands of the P b y solemnly ordain & set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry & installed him the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Lower Plumb-creek & Glade run. The Rev Jesse Smith preached on the occasion & the Rev John Reed presided & gave the charge.

Adjourned to meet at Greensburgh on the first Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

GREENSBURGH *April 7th* 1829

P b y met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Rev J. Holms Agnew on 2 Peter 2: 25. Constituted with prayer. Members present: The Rev Mrss Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, A. O. Patterson, Thomas Davis, Joseph Harper, Saml. Swan, Alexr. McCandles, John H. Kirkpatrick, Saml. McFarren, J. Holms Agnew, & Elisha D. Barret; with the Elders, Paul Morrow, Wm. Gutherie, David A. C. Sherrard, John Blythe, Thomas Potter, John Cuningham, Seymour Moses, John Robinson, Saml. Fleming, John Steele, Thomas Lewis, & Benjamin Irwin. Absent the Rev Mrss James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Wm. Speer, David Barclay, James Graham, A. G. Fairchild, George Venemon, John Reed, Asa Brooks & Jesse Smith.

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings were read. The Rev Mrss Francis Laird, James Gutherie, John H. Kirkpatrick & J. H. Agnew, assigned reasons for not attending the intermediate meeting at Pittsburgh, which were sustained.

The Rev Mrss F. Laird, R. Johnston, J. Gutherie, W. Johnston, A. O. Patterson, T. Davis, S. Swan, A. McCandles, S. McFarren, & J. H. Agnew, assigned reasons for not attending the last intermediate meeting of P.b.y which were sustained.

Mr. Adam Torrence read an exegesus on the theme assigned him at the last stated meeting of P.b.y, which was, at his own request, returned to him for correction, to be read, together with a critical exercise on Eph. 5. 2. at the next stated meeting of P.b.y.

The Rev Francis Laird requested leave to resign his office as treasurer of the Commissioners fund, which was granted, & the Rev Saml McFarren was appointed in his stead.

P b y went into a free conversation on the state of religion in their bounds, & the Rev Mrss A. O. Patterson & J. H. Agnew, were appointed to prepare a narrative on the subject for the next Genl Assembly.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning P b y. met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The complaint of James Marshall, a member of the session of Ebenezer, against a decision of said session, by which James Ewing was acquitted of a charge of fornication & bastardy was taken up. After some discussion, the further consideration of the complaint was indefinitely postponed. ——

The Rev Wm. Speer appeared in P.b.y. & his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. In consequence of ill health, Mr Speer asked leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the congregations of Greensburgh & Unity.

With the consent of the commissioners from said congns. his request was granted, & the congregations were declared vacant.

Resolved, that it be enjoined on those Members of P.b.y. who have not yet contributed to the commissioner's fund, to send on their contributions to the Treasurer.

P b y proceed to the choice of members to attend the next Genl Assembly; & the Rev Mrss A. O. Patterson & J. Holms Agnew were elected, & the Rev Alexr McCandles the alternate to either; with the Elders Mrss Paul Morrow & Robert Rainey Esqrs, & John Robinson alternate to either.

Resolved, that the members of this P.b.y will bear their equal proportion of the necessary expenses of their commissioners to the Genl. Assembly, in all cases, when the annual contributions for that purpose prove insufficient.

Resolved that this P b y decidedly approve the measures adopted by the board of Missions of the Genl. Assembly.

Congregational settlements were called for, & the Rev Wm. Speer reported, that the congn. of Unity had settled with him, & satisfied his claims until this date.

The Rev A. O. Patterson reported, that the Congn. of Sawickly, had satisfied his claims, up to the first of this Inst.

The Rev Thos. Davis reported, that the Congn. of Salem, was indebted to him, on the 8th of Octr. last, $218.93. & that West Union Congn. was indebted to him on the 3d of this Inst. $245.00

The Rev Robert Johnston reported, that the Congn. of Rehoboth had satisfied his claims, up to the first of Jenuary 1829

The Rev James Gutherie, with the Elders John Blythe, David A. C. Sherrard & Thos Potter, obtained leave of absence, during the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

Mrss Saml. Adams & Edward Carlton appeared in P.b.y, as Commissioners from the Congn. of Saltsburgh. & presented a request from that Congn. that the Rev Joseph Harper their Pastor, might be dismissed from that part of his charge.

P b y proceeded to consider the request, & after some discussion, a committee was appointed to confer with the parties & endeavour to effect a mutual agreement on the subject. The commissioners proposed to pay Mr Harper all past dues to the present time, & continue him as a stated Supply for three months, at the same rate of compensation he had recieved for the last half year, in case he would consent to be dismissed at the present time. To this Mr Harper agreed, & the committee made the following report, which was adopted viz Your committee having taken into consideration the existing state of the Congn. of Saltsburgh, are of opinion that it will tend to the peace of the church in that quarter, & also to Mr Harper's own peace & usefulness that the pastoral relation between him & said Congn be dissolved, & therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Members of this P.b.y. to pay a special attention to the recommendation of the Genl. Assembly in relation to the Amern. Union for promoting the observance of the Sabbath

The following Congregational reports were then presented viz.

CONGREGATIONS	Total per last report	Added on examn.	Added on Cer	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Comn.	Bapd. Adults	Bapd. Infants	Total	Mission'y fund		Comrs. fund	Theolol.	Educan.
Plumb creek & Poke run	338	30	5	1	2	1	369	9	36	45	Foreign	59:51	6:25		2
Jefferson															
Rehoboth & Round hill	228	8	7	1	6	1	235		24	24		91:3½	5:64	100	27:75
Beulah												69:85	5		2
Lauril hill & Tyrone	221	9	2	5	6	1	220	1	13	14					
Brownsville & Dunlaps creek	198	13		1	1		209	2	18	20	Foreign	109	7		4:62½
Georges creek & Union															
Indiana & Gilgal															
East Liberty	31	41		1			71	2	15	17		55	2		4
Ebenezer & Bethel	392	28	4	6	3		415	2	40	42		F. 51:19 A. 54:75	6:12½		2
Mount pleasant & Sawickly	287	13	7	3	5	1	298	2	33	35		Total 105:94	7		9:50
Salem & West Union	297	21	11	3	2	0	324	1	29	30	Foreign	88:76	4:50		2
Fairfield Ligioneer & Donegal	370	16	4	2	5		383	3	57	60		38:17	4		7:75
Long run & McKeesport	209	8	4	3	12	1	205	1	21	22	Foreign	78:87½			
Kittanning	46	1					47	1	8	9	As. B.	5	4		
Harmony & Armah	58	36	5	1	1		97	9	53	62					
Congruity	250	46	4	4	4	1	291	2	17	19		98:16	4		19:10
Uniontown	69	6	2				77	3	7	10		91:17	3		4
Lower Plumb creek & Glade run	209						209		17						
Saltsburgh & Warren	154	6	3	2	4		157	3	36	39		141	4		2

Resolved that it be recommended to the churches under our care, to observe Wednesday the 27th of May next agreeably to the recommendation of the last Genl. Assembly as a day of special prayer.

Mr. Laird was appointed to supply at Unity on the 1st. Sabbath in June.—Mr. Robert Johnson one day at Sawickly.—& at Greensburgh the 2nd. of June. The Revd James Graham, at Greensburgh the 2nd. in May—and one at discretion.—The Revd. James Gutherie,—one day at Sawickly, and one at discretion.—

The Revd. William Johnson, one day at Uniontown.— & one at discretion.—The Revd. Ashbel G. Fairchild, one Sabbath at Union Town, & one at discretion.—The Revd. John Reed, at Unity the 1st. Sabbath in July, and at Saltsburgh the 2nd. in August.

The Revd. Jesse Smith,—at Unity the 3d. Sabbath in June—& at Saltsburgh the 2nd. in September.—

The Revd. A. O. Patterson,—at Greensburgh the 3d. Sabbath in July to administer the Lord's Supper.—

The Revd. Thomas Davis at Unity the 3d. Sabbath in May, to administer the Lord's Supper—& at Greensburgh the 2nd. Sabbath in September.— The Revd. Samuel Swan, one day at Somerset, and one at discretion.—

The Revd. Joseph Harper, one Sabbath at Jenner, and one at discretion.—

The Revd. Alexr. McCandless, at Greensburgh the 1st. Sabbath of July, and one at discretion.—The Revd. George Vanemon, one Sabbath at Union Town, and one at discretion.

The Revd. John H. Kirkpatrick, one Sabbath at Jenner, & one at discretion.—The Revd Samuel McFarren, one Sabbath at Unity to administer the Lord's Supper, and one at Mount-Pleasant.—The Revd. J. H. Agnew, one Sabbath at discretion.

The Revd. Elisha D. Barret, one Sabbath at Kittanning, and one at discretion.

Adjourned to meet at Unity on the first Tuesday of October next.—
Concluded with prayer.—

UNITY CHURCH,—*Octr. 6th.* 1829.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon, by the Revd. A. O. Patterson, from 2nd. Cor. 5. 20.— Constituted with prayer.—— Members present—

the Revd. Messrs Francis Laird,—N. R. Snowden,—Robert Johnston,—James Graham,—George Venemon,—Jesse Smith,—And. O. Patterson,—Thomas Davis,—Samuel Swan,—Joseph Harper,—Alexr. McCandless,—John H. Kirkpatrick,—Saml. McFarren,—& J. Holmes Agnew.—With the Elders,—Wm. McGary,—Wm. Findley,—Alex. Johnson,—Nathaniel Hurst,—William Barnet,—Henry Hartman,—John Barnes,—Robert Johnson,—William Ralston,—Hugh Cambell,—Joseph Baldridge,—& Andrew Love,—Wm. McCloskey,—& James Barkhamer.—

Absent, The Rev. Messrs James Power D. D.—Jos. W. Henderson,—

David Barclay,—Wm. Johnston,—James Gutherie,—A. Green Fairchild,—John Reed—Asa Brooks,—& Elisha D. Barret.—

The minutes of the last stated & intermediate meetings were read.—On inquiry, it appeared that the members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply.

The Rev. Messrs George Vanemon,—James Graham & Jesse Smith assigned reasons for non-attendance at some former meetings of Presb. which were sustained.—

The Rev. John Reed appeared in Presb. & assigned reasons for late attendance, which were sustained.—

The Rev. Francis Laird—was chosen Moderator, & the Rev. Saml. McFarren Clerk.—The Rev. John Reed assigned as a reason for not attending the last stated meeting of Presb. that he had no horse, which was not sustained. He also assigned reasons for not attending the meeting in October last, which were sustained.—

The Rev Joseph Harper requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the congregation of Warren; and the congregation, by their commissioners, concurring in the request, it was granted.—

The Rev. N. R. Snowden requested a dismission to join the Presb. of Erie.—After some interlocutory discussion, Presb. adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock.—

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, 9 oclock.—

Presbetery met according to adjournment.—

Members present as above. Constituted with prayer.— The minutes of the last session were read.— Presb. have to record, with unfeigned regret, the demise of the Rev. Wm. Speer, long a worthy member, who departed this life April 26th. 1829.

Mr. Robert Henry a licentiate under the care of the 2nd. Presb. of New York, presented a dismission & requested to be taken under the care of this Presb. which was granted.

The Rev. Joseph Harper obtained leave to itinerate without the bounds of this Presb. for one year. He also obtained liberty of absence from the remaining sessions of Presb.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed.—

It was stated to Presb. that reports, unfavourable to the moral character of the Rev. N. R. Snowden, were in circulation, in the neighbourhood of Kittanning, which, in the opinion of Presb. required investigation.— Wherefore The Rev. Messrs Saml. Swan & John H. Kirkpatrick, with the elders James Gutherie, & James McLean were appointed to visit that neighbourhood, & ascertain whether these reports

are of such a nature, as to require the interference of this Presb. & to report at our next meeting.—

The Rev. N. R. Snowden requested & obtained liberty of absence from the remaining sessions of Presb..—

The Rev. A. O. Patterson, & R. Johnson were appointed a committee of supplies.—

A call was presented by the congregation of Greensburgh for half the ministerial labours of Mr. Robert Henry a licentiate under the care of this Presb., in which they promise to pay him two hundred and fifty dollars, in regular half yearly payments.—

A call for the other half of the ministerial labours of Mr. Henry, in which they promise to pay him 250 dollars in regular half yearly payments; was presented by the congregation of Unity. Presb. having ascertained that these congregations have satisfied all demands that would bar them from calling a minister; resolved to deliver the calls into the hands of Mr. Henry, of which he declared his acceptance.—

An appeal was presented by Mr. Duncan Hamilton, from a decision of the session of Poke Run congregation, by which he was suspended from the communion of the church; on a charge of anti nuptial fornication.— It appeared that Mr. Hamilton had neglected to give notice of his appeal within ten days after the judgement: But the session having removed all objection on that ground, Presb. proceeded to consider the appeal. The sentence appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, & the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case; including all the testimony & the reasons of their decision, were read. The appellant & the members of the session being fully heard, retired, & the roll was called, to give every member an opportunity of expressing his opinion. After mature deliberation, the decision of the session was reversed.—

The Rev. Messrs John H. Kirkpatrick & Samuel Swan, with the elders, Andrew Love, Henry Hartman, Robt. Johnson,—Wm. McCloskey,—& John Barnes obtained lieve of absence during the remaining session of Presb.—

The Rev. Francis Laird was appointed to supply one day at discretion.—The Rev. James Graham at Warren, the 1st. Sabbath in November.

The Rev. James Gutherie one day at discretion.

The Rev. Robert Johnston one day at discretion.

The Rev. William Johnston one day at discretion.

The Rev. David Barclay, one day at Crooked Creek.

The Rev. John Reed, at Warren the 1st Sabbath in Feb.

The Rev. A. G. Fairchild, one day at discretion.

The Rev. A. O. Patterson, at Saltsburgh, 3d. Sabbath in January.

The Rev. Jesse Smith, at Saltsburgh, the 3d. Sab. in Decb.—
The Rev. Thomas Davis, at Saltsburgh the 3d. Sabbath in Novb.—
The Rev. Saml. McFarren, at Saltsburgh, the 3d. Sabbath in Feb.
The Rev. Saml. Swan to administer the Lord's Supper at Jenner.
The Rev. George Vanemon, one day at discretion.—
The Rev. Alexr. McCandless, at Warren, the 1st. Sabbath in Dec.
The Rev. J. Holmes Agnew, one day at discretion.—
The Rev. Elisha D. Barret, to administer the Lords Supper at Kittanning.
Mr. Henry, at Warren, the 1st. Sabbath in Jan.

The Rev. Francis Laird entered his complaint against the decision of Presb. in the case of Duncan Hamilton, for the following reason, that he could not in conscience beleive the parties innocent.—

Mr. Adam Torrence read an exegesis & a presbyterial exercise on the subjects assigned him, at the last stated meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial; & he was directed to prepare a popular lecture on the 23d– Psalm, and a homile on Eph. 2d. 8th.

Mr. Henry was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion, & his knowledge of natural & moral philosophy; and his answers were sustained as parts of trial for ordination.—

Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be at Greensburgh.——

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on Saturday the 17th. Inst.

Concluded with prayer.

Oct. 20th 1829.

In Synod.

Examined and approved thus far.

James Graham Modr.

Pittsburgh *Octor 17th* 1829

P.by met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Members present, Rev. Merss Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, Wm. Johnston, Nathaniel R Snowden, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Andrew O Patterson, George Vanemon, Thomas Davis, Saml. Swan, Joseph Harper, Alexr McCandles, J. Holms Agnew, John H Kirkpatrick, Saml. McFarren, & Elisha D Barret; with the Elders, Robert Baird, James Caldwell, Alexr Johnston & Kenedy Duncan——

Absent Rev Merss James Power D. D. Joseph W Henderson, David Barclay, James Guthery & Asa Brooks

The Rev Merss Wm. Johnston, & Elisha D Barret assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of P by, & the Rev. A. G. Fairchild, for not attend(ing) the three last meetings which were sustained

The Committee appointed to visit the neighbourhood of Kittaning

& enquire into certain reports relative to the character of the Rev N. R. Snowden reported.

P b y. after maturely considering the report,—resolved to institute process against Mr Snowden on the ground of common fame; charging him with having been intoxicated at the house of Mr Richard Graham, & between that place & Kittaning on the 22d of April 1828

A complaint was presented by the P b y of Allegheny, against Mr Snowden for having preached & organized a congregation in their bounds without leave from them

Mr Snowden was furnished with a copy of the above charges & the names of the witneses, & cited to appear before P b y at Kittaning on the first Tuesday of Decr next at 12 o clock

Mr John T Ewing a licentiate presented a dismission from the P b y of New Brunswick, & desired to be taken under the care of this P b y. His request was granted.

Mr Matthew Dunlop a Licentiate under the care of this P b y obtained leave to itinerate out of our bounds for one year

Mr Robert Henry was examined on his knowledge of the original languages; when P b y adjourned to meet on Monday next at half-past six o clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Monday evining P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

P b y resumed the examination of Mr Robert Henry & after some progress, adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 O clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Morning *Octor.* 21

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

P b y resumed & finished the examination of Mr Henry on Eclesiastical History & Church-Government & his answers on these subjects & on the learned languages were sustained as parts of trial for ordination & he was appd. to prepare a discourse on Gal. 2: 19 as part of trials for ordination: to be delivered at our next meeting

The Rev Robert Johnston was appointed to open the next meeting of P.b.y.

Adjourned to meet at Kittaning the first Tuesday of Decr. next at 12 O clock. Concluded with prayer. ——

KITTANNING *Decr.* 1*st* 1829

P.b.y met according to adjournment; constituted with prayer by the Moderator of the last year. Members present Rev. Messrs Nathaniel R. Snowden, David Barclay, John Reed, Samuel Swan, John H Kirkpatrick, Saml. McFarren & Elisha D Barret; with the Elders, John Steele, David Johnson & Robert Walker.

Absent Rev Messrs James Power D. D., Joseph W Henderson, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, George Vanemon, Ashbel G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Andrew O Patterson, Thomas Davis, Alexr McCandles, & J Holmes Agnew.—

The Moderator being absent, the Rev Saml Swan was chosen Moderator pro tem.

The Rev Messrs John Redick & John Core from the P.b.y of Alleghany being present, were invited, & took their seats as corresponding Members

The charge preferred at the last meeting of P b y against the Rev N. R. Snowden was taken up & read to him, to which he pleaded not guilty. P.b.y. then proceeded to hear the witnesses in the case

Mr Richard Graham being sworn said Mr Snowden came to my house early in the day of the fox hunt in the Spring of 1828. I was much employed & noticed nothing extraordinary in his conduct untill about the time the ring was closing. I then noticed him, as he sat by the fire, talking to himself.

Question, by P b y, Was he sober at that time?

A. I saw him afterwards & thought he did not act like a sober man.——

Q Did you see him drink any ardent Spirits that day?— A. I did not; but I sold liquor to persons who said they were going to treat him.

Q Did you believe that Mr Snowden was intoxicated? A. I did.

Q. When the ring was closing, & the men within a few rods of the porch, you say that he inquired where these men were: do you think that, if he had been sober, he must have seen or heard them? A I do.

Q. Why did you not take more perticular notice to him that day?

A. Owing to former differences with Mr Snowden, I did not wish to see him there

Q. You say that whilst Mr Snowden was sitting by the fire, you heard him say, "Is it possible"? What do you think was his meaning?—A My impression was, that he was questioning whether he were intoxicated.

Read & approved by the witness

Mr Robert Woodward being sworn, saith—

I saw Mr. Snowden at the fox-hunt in the Spring of 1828, & he appeared to be intoxicated.

Q. by Pby What appearances of this kind did you observe? A On horseback his feet were out of the stirrups, the bridle on the horse's neck, his hands grasping the mane, & he was hanging to one side.

Q. Are you well acquainted with Mr Snowden, & was his appearance very diffirent from what it is at other times? A I know him well, & his appearance was very different from what it was that same morning, when I saw him at McIntosh's

Q Has Mr Snowden ever endeavoured to induce you not to give testimony against him?—

A He once told me that the fox chase had come up, & he hoped, if I knew anything against him, I would keep quiet.

Q How far did Mr Snowden proceed on his horse in the position which you have described?——A. He continued in that position untill he had proceeded 8 or 10 rods; & then I turned away.

Q Were you fully persuāded that he was intoxicated? A. I was. Q by the accused. Do you think it possible for a man intoxicated, to have sat on my horse at the rate he was going?

A. I do. The horse was walking as far as I saw him.

Read & approved by the Witness.

Mr. Richard Graham was again questioned on oath. Q Was there ever any fox-hunt at your house except the one in the spring of 1828? A. Never any but that one.

Michael Blare, a witness who had been cited, not appearing, the Rev Messrs Saml. Swan & J. H Kirkpatrick were appointed a committee to meet at the house of Mr Blare this evining at 7 oclock, to take his testimony & notice of the appointment was given to Mr Snowden

Fredrick Rohrer being sworn saith, That he saw Mr. Snowden, on the day of the fox-hunt, between this place & Mr Graham's, & was impressed with the belief that he was in liquor. Having heard, from many persons, that Mr Snowden had been intoxicated, & having overtaken him on the road took particular notice; & judging from his general deportment on the road, his conversation & his manner of riding, was of opinion that it was different from his deportment & conversation when sober. Q by Pby— On what day was the fox hunt at Grahams in the Spring of 1828— A From a reference to my paper in which I advertised the hunt, it appears to have on Tuesday April 22d

Read and approved by the witness

P b y proceeded to examine witnesses on behalf of the accused. Mathias Wolf being sworn, saith— Mr Snowden passed me soon after leaving Mr Graham's. Bells were rung & horns blown, apparently with a design to frighten his horse. He passed at full flight, & appeared to sit firm & steady on his horse. I saw no symptoms of intoxication—could not say that he was or was not intoxicated; but he rode as steady as I would expect any man to do in such circumstances.

This took place not more than 50 rods from Graham's—

Read & approved by the Witness.

Wm. Spencer sworn, saith I saw Mr Snowden & spoke to him about the time he left Graham's; & saw no symptoms of intoxication, but believed him to be sober. Mr Snowden sat on his horse, from Graham's to the turnpike, like a man perfectly sober. — Read & approved by the Witness

George Ross being sworn, saith I saw Mr Snowden on Graham's porch before the lines closed, & conversed with him 8 or 10 minutes, & he appeared to be perfectly sober. I also saw him on his horse, when he was starting, & saw nothing amiss Could not say that he had or had not been drinking. I had not tasted liquor that day myself, & think that a man intoxicated could not have rode as he did— paid but little attention to any person, & saw no one intoxicated that day.

Read and approved by the Witness.

James Kilgore being sworn, saith—I saw Mr Snowden on the turnpike something like 40 rods after he left Grahams. There was a fence between us, & we were about 20 or 30 feet apart. I saw nothing amiss. He rode perfectly upright—his horse was going at a fast trot

Read & approved by the Witness

At early candle lighting, P.b.y. had a recess to attend public worship. Mr Robert Henry delivered a sermon on the subject asigned him at the last stated meeting of P b y.

Mr Henry was examined on Theology; & his answers, together with the discourse delivered this evining, were sustained as parts of trial for ordination

P b y agreed to ordain Mr Robert Henry at their next meeting, & the Rev Saml. McFarren was appointed to preach on the occasion & the Rev James Graham to preside and give the charge

On motion resolved, that the Clerk be directed to represent to the Board of missions of the Genl Assembly, the destitute condition of this place & its vicinity & request the appointment of a Missionary for this

region; & also to make a similar request in behalf of Somerset County

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning, P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read

The committee appointed to take the deposition of Mr Michael Blare reported that they had performed that duty & that Mr Blare being sworn, saith – That he saw Mr Snowden frequently on the day of the fox hunt; & from the first time that he saw him, he did not think that he was sober. About the middle of the day, as he (Blare) was standing assisting Mr Graham in selling different kinds of drink, his attention was excited by a noise arising from some person striking against the window. He looked round & saw Mr Snowden sitting at the inside of the window & saw him several times with his fist strike at the window until the pane of glass was broken. Witness called out to him, "that is a pretty thing of you Mr Snowden." Witness further states that very soon after the glass was broken, he went up to the window & saw Mr Snowden, who looked round upon him & immediately got up & walked thro' the room staggering a good deal as he went along.

He (Mr Snowden) then went to another room, but returned in a short time. As they were setting table for dinner, in the room to which Mr Snowden returned, he, (Mr Blare) saw him eating the cold slices of beef off the table, & further, saw him go to the cupboard & open it & eat stewed peaches which were there. Witness is sure that Mr Snowden was drunk, & that there was not a man at the place more drunk.

Q. by the Committee. How far distant from the window were you, whilst assisting Mr Graham? A. Not more than a rod,—Q Are you well acquainted with Mr Snowden? A. I am; & could not be mistaken in the man.—Q Was Mr Snowden's appearance & conduct very different from what they are at other times when you consider him sober? A. Very different.

Read & approved by the Witness.

P b y resumed the examn. of witnesses on the part of the accused.

Joseph Buffington sworn saith. On one day of public meeting at Mr Graham's in the spring of 1828, whether the day of review or fox hunt I am not certain, I saw Mr Snowden twice, & saw nothing amiss in his conduct or appearance.

Read & approved by the Witness.

James Douglas Sworn Saith.

I saw Mr Snowden at the fox-hunt, in the Spring of 1828 When he came he had his stirrup in his hand, & was enquiring for some person who would mend it. I was near Mr Snowden when the line was closing He asked me to show him the foxes, & I did so. I saw him there during the day, & once asked him to drink, which he declined, saying that he had been drinking. I noticed nothing amiss in his appearance & conduct during the day. I saw no evidence of intoxication, but could not say that he was not intoxicated. Read & approved by the witness.

Walter Sloane sworn saith

I saw Mr Snowden on horseback at the foxhunt at Mr Graham's in the Spring of 1828, & considered him perfectly sober. It was after the ring had closed. He sat erect as usual on his horse, & I saw no evidence of intoxication.

Whether his horse was standing or moving when I saw him I do not know. Read & approved by the Witness.

Elisha Cuningham sworn saith

I saw Mr Snowden at the fox hunt at Mr Grahams, in the spring of 1828, both in the house & on the porch, & considered him sober. I saw no more evidence of intoxication then, than I see at present. I spoke to Mr Snowden in different parts of the house & on the porch. The whole time during which I saw him, amounted to something like fifteen minutes Read & approved by the witness

James Richards sworn saith

I saw Mr Snowden at the fox hunt at Mr Graham's in the Spring of 1828. I had seen him in the early part of the day at Captain McIntosh's, & he asked my opinion about the propriety of his attending at Graham's. At the latter place I saw him standing on the porch when I was 3 or 4 rods distant from him. I saw nothing amiss, but did not take perticular notice. Read & approved

Robert Brown Sworn, saith

I met Mr Snowden on the steps of the poarch, on the day of the fox hunt, & shook hands with him. I saw no evidences of intoxication, & think, if he had been very drunk, I would have noticed it. I think Mr Snowden was leaving the place & about starting home. I afterwards passed him on my way to Kittaning standing beside his horse. I did not take perticular notice, but saw no evidences of intoxication at that time Read & approved by the Witness

Saml Mathews sworn, saith.

I overtook Mr Snowden twice in returning from the fox hunt at

Graham's in the spring of 1828; & rode with him altogether about ¾ of a mile. I did not take perticular notice of him & saw no evidence of intoxication

Q by P b y. Did you recieve any communication from Mr Snowden relative to this trial?

A. I did recieve a letter from him, dated at Freeport, on his return from P.b.y. In this letter, he requested me to speak to Mr Richard Graham, to prevent his coming forward as a witness against him.

Q Did you see Mr Snowden drink any liquor that day? A. I did once at least Read & approved

After hearing the witnesses, & Mr Snowden commenting on it in his own defence, until he declared himself satisfied, the Members were called, in the order of the roll, to express their opinions. The final vote was then taken, & the P.b.y. unanimously Judged, that the charge was supported; for the following reasons

1st Because the testimony of two witnesses,—Woodward & Blare, which, according to our constitution is sufficient to support a charge, is positive; & that of two others Graham & Rohrer, tho' not positive, affords strong presumptive proof.

2d Because the testimony adduced by the accused is merely negative & cannot set aside positive testimony

3 Altho' Mr Snowden, in his defence, alleged many things against the characters of some of the witnesses in behalf of the prosecution, & represented them as hostile to him, yet no testimony was offered to support these allegations

4th. Because Mr Snowdens conduct in endeavouring to prevent witnesses from appearing is strong presumptive evidence against him

Wherefore resolved; that the Rev Nathaniel R Snowden be, & he is hereby suspended from the exercise of his office as a Gospel Minister, untill, in the judgment of this P.b.y, the way shall be clear for his restoration.

Resolved. That the consideration of the complaint preferred by the P b y of Alleghany in October last against the Rev N. R. Snowden, be postponed for the present

Adjourned to meet in Greensburgh on the first Tuesday of April next Concluded with prayer.

GREENSBURGH *April 6th* 1830

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr. Watson Hughs on Prov. 4. 18. Members present. The Rev Messrs Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnston, James Graham,

James Gutherie, Asa Brooks, John Reed, George Venemon, Andrew O Patterson, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan, Alexander McCandles, Samuel McFarren, & Elisha D Barret. With the Elders, Ebenezar Caldwell, John Clark, John Cuningham, Joseph Fleming, Robert McConahey, Robert Rainey, Joseph Thompson, John McKey, Alexander Hanlin, John Nichols & David Johnson Absent

The Rev Messrs James Power D. D. Joseph W Henderson, William Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, Jessy Smith, John H Kirkpatrick, Joseph Harper & J Holmes Agnew

Constituted with prayer

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read. The Rev Messrs David Barclay, James Gutherie, & Asa Brooks assigned reasons for not attending former meetings of P b y, which were sustained.

The Rev Messrs Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, George Venemon, Andrew O Patterson, Thomas Davis & Alexander McCandles, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of P.b.y. which were sustained.

The Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden appeared before P.b.y; & requested to be restored to the exercise of his office as a Gospel Minister.

He confessed that he had acted improperly on the 22d of April 1828; but declared that he was not conscious of intoxication. He admitted, however, that he might have been more exhilarated than he was aware of, & professed Sorrow for his improper conduct in general, on that day.

After hearing Mr Snowden & maturely considering his case it was unanimously resolved that the way is not yet clear for his restoration.

The Rev Messrs A. O. Patterson, Thos Davis & Samuel Swan, with the Elders Robert Rainey & Joseph Fleming were appointed a committee to take into consideration the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, respecting the appointment of a corresponding Committee; to report during the present meeting of P.b.y.

P b y. had a recess untill early candle-lighting.

The Congregations of Saltsburgh & Warren, asked leave to employ Mr Watson Hughs, a licentiate of the P b y of Hartford, as a stated supply, untill the next meeting of P b y; which was granted.

Reports of congregational Settlements were called for; & the Rev Thos Davis reported that the Congregation of Salem were indebted to him three hundred dollars & 43 cents; & the Congregation of West Union $394.50 on the 10th Octr 1829.

The Rev A. O. Patterson reported that Mount pleasant Congn. were clear on the 1st. of Novr last & Sawickly on the 1st. of April.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS	Total as per last report	On Examn.	On Certift.	Died	Dismissed	Suspend.	Total now in Comm.	Adults	Infants	Total	Mission'y fund	Commiss. fund	Theolol. Semin'y	Educatn. fund
											D. C.	D. C.	D. C.	D. C.
Plumb creek & Poke Run	369	25	8	4	2	0	398	2	42	44		7:39	1 00	2
Rehoboth & Round hill	235	16	5	0	4	1	251	3	23	26		3 13	1 55	6
Beulah	177	20	2	9	17	2	171	7	40	47	77:39	12:60		
Lauril hill & Tyrone	221	13	2	6	5		225	2	8	10	36	6	58	2
Brownsville & Dunlaps creek	209	6	2	3	1		213	1	26	27		4	40	8:62½
Indiana & Gilgal	197	18	6	3	4		214	1	51	52		3		
French creek & Clarksburgh	67	8	14	4	1	1	83	2	8	10				2
Mount pleasant & Sawickly	298	28	4	5	8		317	7	30	37	37:41	7	93	6
Salem & West Union	324	27	17	6	8		354	5	36	41	65	9:50	37:75	12:50
Fairfield Ligioneer & Donegal	383	15	10	1	6		401	4	32	36		6:25	64	2
Jefferson & New Providence	70	10	2	1	1		80	10	39	49		3		2
Long run & McKeesport	205	10	2	2	6	1	208	4	22	26	39:25	3	56	
Harmony & Armah	98	13	1		1		111	5	11	16		4		
Congruity	291	23	10	1	11	1	311	3	38	41	39:75	6	81:97	24:50
L. Plumb creek & Glade Run	209	26	13		1		247	5	45	50		2:67		2:50
Saltsburgh & Warren S. S.	159	8	4	4	1		166							
Morgantown V.	76	4			2		78		4	4				

P.b.y. entered into a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds, & the Rev Messrs John Reed & Samuel Swan were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on the Subject for the next General Assembly.

The Rev Messrs James Gutherie, & James Graham were appointed a committee to make out supplies. Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at half-past eight O clock. Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING *April 7th*

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, Members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration, the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Genl. Assembly presented a report, which was adopted; & is as follows Viz

The Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the Genl Assembly, relative to the formation of Presbyterial executive Committees, beg leave to report, that having examined the plan proposed by the Assembly's Board, they take pleasure in expressing their entire approbation of said plan, & would earnestly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that this P b y. adopt the plan recommended by the Assembly's Board, & proceed to the appointment of a corresponding executive Committee, to consist of three Ministers & two Elders; to be invested with the following powers

I To recieve, generally, applications for aid from feeble congregations, within the bounds of the P b y, which have Pastors or stated supplies, & to recommend the same to the executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

II To devise & execute plans for raising funds in the several Congregations within the bounds of the P b y; which funds shall be reported to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board, & be held subject to the orders of said Board.

III To select & recommend to the executive Committee of the Board of Missions, Missionary fields & Missionary labourers, & also, to locate such Missionaries as may be sent to them by the Board for specific instructions

P.b.y proceeded to choose an executive Committee; & the Rev Messrs Robert Johnston Andrew O Patterson & Saml. McFarren, with the Elders George Plumer & Alexr. Johnston were elected.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of P b y be at Saltsburgh.

Mr Hamlin obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

Mr Adam Torrence informed Pby, by letter, that he could not attend to perform the exercises assigned him at a former meeting

Mr Robert Henry having satisfactorily gone thro' the usual parts of trial, prescribed by the Constitution: Pby proceeded to his ordination, & did by prayer & the imposition of the hands of the Pby Solemnly ordain & set him apart to the holy work of the Gospel Ministry, & installed him the regular Pastor of the United Congregations of Greensburgh & Unity. The Rev Samuel McFarren Preached on the occasion, & the Rev James Graham presided & gave the charge.

The Rev John Reed & the Rev Andrew O Patterson were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly & the Rev Robert Henry, Alternate to either.

Whereas there are more young men who desire to devote themselves to the work of the Ministry, than we as an Education Society, are able to encourage: therefore

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to the members of this Pby, to use every prudent exertion to increase the funds of this Society

Whereas there is a surplus in the Commissioners fund for the present year; therefore resolved, that the Treasurer of said fund be directed to pay over any surplus money in his hands, to the Treasurer of the Education Society.

Resolved that the Members of Pby, will, hereafter, open the meetings with a sermon in rotation, beginning with the Senior members—

The Rev David Barclay was appointed to supply one Sabb. at Gilgal
Francis Laird one Sabbath at discretion.
Robert Johnston one Sabbath at Sawickly.
James Graham 3d Sabb. of June at Sawickly.
James Gutherie 2d Sabb. of May at Mount pleasant.
William Johnston one Sabb. at discretion.
A. G. Fairchild one Sabb. at discretion.
Jesse Smith one Sabb. at discretion.
George Venemon one Sabb. at discretion.
Thos Davis to administer the Lords Supper at Saltsburgh
Samuel Swan one Sabb. at discretion
Alexander McCandles one Sabb at Sawickly
John H Kirkpatrick 3d Sabb of May at Indiana
Saml McFarren 5th Sabb of May at Indiana
J Holmes Agnew one Sabb at Mount pleasant
Elisha D Barrett 3d Sabb of may to administer the Lords supper at Kittaning
Robert Henry one Sabb at Sawickly

Adjourned to meet at Congruity on the third Tuesday of June next at 12 Oclock. Concluded with prayer

CONGRUITY *June* 15*th* 1830.

P.b.y. met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr S Howel Terry on Gen 6. 9. Constituted with prayer.

Present the Rev Messrs David Barclay, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan & Samuel McFarren, with the Elders William Rea & Robert Shields.

Absent the Rev Messrs James Power D D. Joseph W Henderson, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, A. G. Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, A. O. Patterson, Jessy Smith, Joseph Harper, George Venemon, Alexr McCandles, J. H. Kirkpatrick, J. H. Agnew, Elisha D Barrett & Robert Henry. Constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting of P b y were read. Mr Adam Torrence read a Homily, & delivered a lecture on the Subjects Assigned him at a previous meeting, which were sustained as parts of trial. And he was directed to prepare a popular sermon on Math. 7. 13. 14 to be delivered at our next stated meeting.

Mr Watson Hughs, a Licentiate from the P b y of Hartford, Mr S. Howel Terry, a Licentiate from the P b y of Lewis, & Mr. James Campbell, a Licentiate from the P b y of New-Brunswick, presented certificates of their good standing,& regular dismission from their several P,b,y s: & desired to be recieved under the care of this P b y: which was granted.

A call was presented to P b y by the Congregation of Warren for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr Watson Hughs, in which they promise him two hundred dollars per annum at present, & $250 dollars, as soon as they think themselves able.

A similar call was presented from the Congn. of Saltsburgh for the other half (of) Mr Hugh's labours, in which they promise him two hundred & fifty dollars per annum.

P.b.y., after the usual inquiries, agreed to present these calls to Mr Hughs, of which he declared his acceptance.

A call was presented to P b y, from the Congregation of Somerset, for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr S. Howel Terry, with the exception of every eighth Sabbath, in which they promise him all they can raise by subscription.

A like call was presented from the Congn of Genner, for the other half of Mr. Terrys labours, with a similar exception, in which they promise him $120 dollars per annum. It being understood, that the balance of Mr Terrys support would be furnished by the Board of Missions of the Genl Assembly, P b y agreed to present the above calls to Mr Terry, of which he declared his acceptance.

A call was presented to P b y from the Congn. of Kittaning for three fourths of the Ministerial labours of Mr James Campbell, in which they promise him three hundred dollars per annum.

And also a call from the Congn of Crooked-creek, for the remaining fourth part of Mr Campbell's labours, in which they promise him one hundred dollars. P b y agreed to put these calls into the hands of Mr Campbell of which he declared his acceptance.

A memorial from certain inhabitants of Conemaugh Township Indiana County, was presented to P.b.y, praying to be formed into a Congregation, to be called Elder ridge.

P b y agreed to grant the request, & the Rev Thos Davis was appointed to organize a Church in that place.

The Rev Nathaniel R Snowden appeared before P.b.y. & renewed his request to be restored to the exercise of his office as a Gospel Minister.

After hearing Mr Snowden in explanation of his views & feelings in relation to the ground of his suspension, P b y were of opinion, that the way is not yet clear for his restoration.

Mr James Wilson, requested to be taken under the care of P b y as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. P b y having ascertained that he was a member of the Church & had gone thro a regular course of education, agreed to recieve him, & proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion, & sustained his answers as part of trial for licensure.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING *June 16th.*

P b y met according adjournme(n)t. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs Watson Hughs, S Howel Terry & James Campbell were examined on their experimental acquaintance with religion, & their answers sustained as part of trials for ordination.

Mr James Wilson was examined on the languages, & the Natural & moral sciences, & his answers sustained as parts of trial; & he was appointed to prepare an exegesis on the following theme, viz "An Infantes baptizandi sint?"

Messrs Watson Hughs, S. H. Terry & Jas. Campbell were examined on the languages, the natural & moral Sciences, Theology, Eclesiastical History, & Church Government, & their answers were sustained as parts of trials for ordination.

Mr W Hughs was directed to prepare a discourse on Gal. 6. 14.

Mr S. H. Terry, on Rom. 8. 26. & Mr J. Campbell on Col. 3. 3. as parts of trials for ordination

P b y agreed to meet at Somerset on the first Wednesday of July next to ordain Mr Terry if the way be clear. The Rev Samuel Swan was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev Robt Henry was appointed his alternate.

The Rev A. G. Fairchild was appointed to preside & give the charge & the Rev A. O. Patterson his alternate.

Resolved that P.b.y. meet at Kittanning on the second wednesday of August next to ordain Mr James Campbell if the way be clear.

The Rev Saml McFarren was appointed to preach on the occasion, & the Rev E. D. Barret his alternate, & the Rev Thos Davis to preside & give the charge; & the Rev John Reed his alternate.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of P b y be appointed at Saltsburgh for the purpose of ordaining Mr Watson Hughs, if the way be clear.

The Rev Francis Laird was appointed to preach on the occasion & the Rev Robert Johnston to preside & give the charge; & the Rev Jas. Grames the alternate to either.

Mr Hughs was appointed to supply at elder Ridge one Sabbath at discretion.

Adjourned to meet in Somerset on the first Wednesday of July next.

Concluded with prayer

SOMERSET *July 7th* 1830

P b y. met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer Present The Rev Messrs Ashbel G Fairchild, Andrew O Patterson, Saml. Swan & Robert Henry, with Messrs Jacob Glessner & William Nixon Elders. Absent The Rev Messrs James Power D D, Joseph W Henderson, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Thos Davis, George Venemon, Joseph Harper, Alexr. McCandles, John H Kirkpatrick, Saml. McFarren, J Holms Agnew, Elisha D Barret.

The Moderator & Clerk being absent, the Rev A O Patterson was appointed Moderator, & A G Fairchild Clerk pro tem.

Mr Terry preached a sermon on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of P.b.y. which was sustained as part of trials for ordination.

P b y then proceeded to the ordination of Mr S Howel Terry & did by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the P b y. solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of Gospel Ministry, & installed him

the regular Pastor of the United Congregations of Somerset & Genner.

The Rev Saml Swan preached on the occasion & the Rev. A. O. Patterson presided & gave the charge.

Adjourned to meet at Kittaning 2d Wednesday of August next,

Concluded with prayer

KITTANING *August* 11*th.* 1830

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by Mr James Cambell on the subject assigned him at a previous meeting of Pby; Constituted with prayer.

Present The Rev Messrs Jesse Smith, Thos Davis, Samuel McFarren, & Elisha D Barret, with the Elder David Johnston.

Absent The Rev Messrs Joseph W Henderson, David Barclay, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, John Reed, Asa Brooks, A. O. Patterson, Saml Swan, Joseph Harper, George Venemon, Alexr McCandless, John H Kirkpatrick, J Holms Agnew, Robert Henry & S Howel Terry. The Moderator being absent The Rev Thos Davis was appointed Moderator pro tem.

The Rev Saml Reed from the Pby of Washington being present & invited, took his seat as a corresponding member

The sermon delivered by Mr Campbell was sustained as part of trials for ordination.

Pby proceeded to the ordination of Mr James Campbell & did by prayer & the imposition of the hands of the Pby. solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry & installed him the regular Pastor of the United Congregations of Kittaning & Crooked Creek.

The Rev Saml. McFarren preached on the occasion & the Rev Thos Davis presided & gave the charge.

Mr Watson Hughs preached a sermon on the subject assigned him at a previous meeting of Pby, which was sustained as part of trials for ordination.

Resolved that Pby proceed to ordain Mr Hughs at their next stated meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Saltsburgh on the 1st Tuesday of October next.

Concluded with prayer.

SALTSBURGH *October* 5 1830

Pby met according to adjournment, & was opened with sermon by

Mr Adam Torrence on the subject assigned him at a former meeting of P.b.y. Constituted with prayer

Present. The Rev Messrs Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnston, James Graham, John Reed, Jesse Smith Andrew O. Patterson, Thos Davis, Saml. Swan, Alexr McCandles, John H Kirkpatrick. Saml McFarren, Elisha D Barret, Robert Henry, S. Howel Terry & James Campbell.

With the Elders Wm. Gutherie Thos Davisson Joseph Findley, John Douglas, George Plumer, Daniel Smith, Wm. Penny, John Huston, John Dicky, Benjamin Irvin, Alexr Hanlon, James Watson, & Wm. Lucas— Absent

The Rev Messrs Joseph W Henderson, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Ashbel G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, George Venemon & J. Holmes Agnew.

P b y proceeded to the choice of Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year; & the Rev Alexr McCandles was chosen Moderator, & the Rev Jesse Smith Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read; & the Rev Jesse Smith & J. H. Kirkpatrick assigned reasons for not attending, which were sustained. On enquiry it appeared that the members had generally fulfilled their appointments to supply. The minutes of the intermediate meeting in June were read; & the Rev Messrs James Graham, John Reed, Jesse Smith, A. O. Patterson, Alexr McCandles, J. H. Kirkpatrick, Elisha D Barret & Robert Henry assigned reasons for not attending, which were sustained.

The minutes of the intermediate meeting at Somerset were read; & the Rev. Messrs David Barclay, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis, Alexr McCandless, J. H. Kirkpatrick & Elisha D Barret, assigned reasons for not attending; which were sustained.

The minutes of the intermediate meeting at Kittaning were read; & the Rev Messrs David Barclay Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, John Reed, A. O. Patterson, Saml. Swan, Alexr McCandless, John H. Kirkpatrick, & Robert Henry assigned reasons for not attending which were sustained

The Rev James Power D D departed this life August 5th. 1830

On motion resolved, that the Stated Clerk give notice, in the Christian Herrald, of the time & place of each meeting of P b y, three or four weeks previous to the time of meeting

Resolved that the Members of P b y spend one hour in prayer &

other religious exercises, with the members of the Congregation, previous to the ordination of Mr Hughs.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Wednesday morning *Octr.* 6.

P b y met according to adjournment Members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Nathaniel R Snowden renewed his request to be restored to his former standing as a Minister of the Gospel

P.b.y. after receiving satisfactory evidence of his total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits & hearing his acknowledgment of the crime & his profession of repentance, agreed to grant his request.

Mr Snowden then desired to be dismissed from this P.b.y. to join the P b y of Alleghany, which was granted

The Rev Messrs A. O. Patterson Saml Swan & Saml McFarren were appointed a committee to take into consideration the subject of Sabbath Schools & report before the rising of P.b.y.

Resolved that the Members of P b y use their best endeavours to have the 2d Installment of the subscription in behalf of the Western Theol. Seminary collected. & forwarded to the Treasurer with as little delay as possible

A memorial, from the inhabitants of Connelsville, was presented to P b y praying for leave to obtain occasional supplies. Ordered that the memorial lie on the table.

A petition was presented to P b y from the inhabitants of Murraysville & vicinity, praying that a Congregation be organized in that village, to be called Murraysville.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Agreably to a resolution of last evining, P.b.y. united with the Congregation in the exercises of prayer & praise for one hour, & then proceeded to the ordination of Mr Watson Hughs, & did, by prayer & the imposition of hands, solemnly ordain & set him apart to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, & installed him the regular Pastor of the united Congregations of Saltsburgh & Warren.

The Rev Francis Laird preached on the occasion & the Rev Robert Johnston presided & gave the charge.

The Rev Joseph Harper obtained leave to travel out of the bounds of this P b y untill their next stated meeting.

The Rev Messrs Elisha D Barret & James Campbell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of P b y.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o clock.
Concluded with prayer

THURSDAY MORNING,

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read. P b y understanding that some difficulties existed in the Congregations of Bethel & Ebenezer appointed the Rev Messrs Saml. Swan Saml McFarren & Elisha D Barret with the Elders James Wilson & John Dickie a committee to visit those Congregations, & ascertain whether the difficulties are such as to require the interference of P b y.

Resolved that it be enjoined on the Congns. within the bounds of this P b y, to send their annual Reports to the Stated Clerk. on, or before the 1st Tuesday of April, by mail or otherwise.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Sabbath Schools reported the following resolutions, which were Unanimously adopted Viz

1st. Resolved that this P b y. highly appreciate the resolutions of the A. S. S. Union to establish a Sunday School in every destitute place, where it is practicable thro' out the Valley of the Mississippi,

2d Resolved, that we cheerfully ingage to redeem the pledge given by our Representative to the A. S. S. Union. to stablish a sabbath school wherever it is practicable in the bounds of this P b y.

3d Resolved that each Member will spend two weeks if necessary in the bounds of his own charge, for the purpose of establishing schools where they are not & giving encouragement & increase to those already in operation,

4th. Resolved that the Rev Messrs Robert Johnston & Andrew O. Patterson with Henry Fulton Elder be a committee, to devise a plan to collect funds, for the purpose of employing an Agent, to visit those districts within our bounds, which are destitute of the stated Ministrations of the Gospel.

Resolved that the Synod of Pittsburgh be requested to divide this P b y, so as to form the Ministers & congregations, North of the Pittsburgh & Stoystown turnpike, into a new P.b.y. to be called the P b y of Blairsville; leaving it optional with those Ministers, thro' whose charges the road passes, to which of the two they belong.

An appeal was presented to P b y, by John Ewing, from a decision of the session of Ebenezer, by which he was suspended from the Communion of the Church, for imprudently charging a member of said Church with fraud

The sentence appealed from, with the reasons of the appeal, & all

the proceedings of the inferior Judicatory in the case were read, & the original parties & members of session were heard untill they were satisfied.

The roll was then called, after which the final vote was taken, & the Judgment of the session affirmed.

Mr Mathew Dunlop obtained leave to travel out of the bounds of this P b y for one year

The Rev John H Kirkpatrick obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of P.b.y.

Resolved that each member of P.b.y. supply one Sabbath at discretion between this & our next stated meeting.

Mr Adam Torrence was examined on Theology Eclesiastical history & Church government, & his answers together with the sermon delivered at the opening of P b y were sustained as parts of trial for licensure.

At Saltsburgh the 7th. day of Octo. 1830 the P b y of Redstone, having received testimonials in favour of Mr Adam Torrance of his having gone thro' a regular course of literature; of his good Moral Character; & of his being in the communion of the Church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, his experimental acquaintance with religion, his proficiency in Divinity & other studies; the P b y did, & hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the P b y did, & hereby do, license him, the said Adam Torrance to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy Ministry, within the bounds of this P.b.y. or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Adjourned to meet at Sawickly on the 1st. Friday of April next.

Concluded with prayer

Oct. 26th 1830

In Synod, Examined and approved thus far, with the exception of a defect in recording the proceedings in the case of the Revd. Nathl. R. Snowden.

Wm. McMillan Mr.

Congruity *June* 15 1830

The complaint preferred by the P b y of Aleghany against the Rev N. R. Snowden, which had been postponed at the meeting of P b y in Kittanning, was taken up Mr Snowden acknowledged their regu-

larity of his conduct in preaching & organizing a Church in their bounds without leave & recieved an admonition by the Moderator

Sawickly *April* 1*st*. 1831

P b y met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Mr Adam Torrence, from Eph 2. 8. 9. Constituted with prayer.

Members present Rev Messrs Robert Johnston, William Johnston, Andrew O Patterson, Alexander McCandless, Robert Henry, and S. Howel Terry; with the Elders, James Scott, John Wells, Samuel Mitchel Robert Fulton & Jacob Glessner

Absent Rev Messrs James Gutherie, Ashbel G Fairchild, Asa Brooks, J. Holms Agnew, Joseph Harper & George Venemon

By a resolution of the Synod of Pittsburgh, October 1830 in pursuance of a request of this P.b.y. the Rev Messrs. Joseph W. Henderson, Francis Laird, David Barclay, James Graham, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Samuel McFarren, John H Kirkpatrick, Elisha D Barret, Watson Hughes & James Campbell were Constituted into a P.b.y. to be called the P b y of Blairsvill

The Rev Wm. Johnston assigned reasons for non attendance at former meetings of P b y, which were sustained.

The Rev Robert Johnston was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting of P b y were read. On enquiry it appeared that the Members present had fulfilled their appointments to supply; and also that the pledges given at the last meeting of Synod by the members of this P b y on the subjects of Sabbath-Schools had been generally redeemed.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of P b y on the subject of Sabbath-Schools reported; the report was accepted & their conduct approved, & the committee discharged. The Rev James Gutherie appeared & his reasons for not coming sooner, & also for non-attendance at former meetings were sustained

An appeal was presented to P.b.y. by James Stevenson & Isabella his wife, from a decision of the session of Round hill Church, by which they were suspended from the Communion of the Church, on a charge of unchristian conduct in absenting themselves from the ordinances of the church. P.b.y, after hearing the appeal & the reasons assigned by the appellants, together with the records of the inferior Judicatory & the parties untill they were satisfied, & duly considering the case, were of opinion, that the conduct of the appellants in absenting themselves from the ordinances of the Church is censurable but are nevertheless of opinion that the sentence is too severe, & therefore

direct the session to grant them a new trial. Mr Adam Torrence a Licentiate under the care of this P.b.y. desired leave to itinerate out of their bounds for one year which was granted; & he was furnished with the requisite testimonials

The Rev J Holms Agnew appeared. & his reasons for not coming sooner, & also for non-attendance at former meetings were sustained—

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at half past 8 o clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs John Watson Johnston & Bela Allen, students of the Western Theol. Seminary, appeared before P b y, & offered themselves as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

P.b.y. having recieved satisfactory testimonials of their good moral character, of their being in the communion of the Church & of their having gone thro a regular course of education, proceeded to examin them on their experimental acquaintance with religion, & on the latin & greek Languages, & sustained their answers as parts of trial for Licensure

The following subjects were assigned them as themes for exegesis Viz quo modo miracula probant Scripturas Divinas esse, to John W. Johnston & In qua constat pietas vera, to Bela Allen.

The Rev J Holms Agnew on account of ill health, asked leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Uniontown. P b y being informed by their Commissioners that the congregation had consented to the wish of their Pastor, granted his request & the relation is hereby disolved. Mr Agnew then desired to be dismissed from this P b y to join the P b y of Washington, which was granted.

P.b.y. ingaged in a free conversation on the subject of religion within their bounds, & the Rev Messrs A. O. Patterson & Robert Henry were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on the subject to the next Genl. Assembly.

P b y agreed to spend the afternoon of this day, in conjunction with the Congregation in religious exercises,

The following Congregational reports were presented.

NAMES OF CONGNS.	total per last report	Added on Exam'n	On Certt.	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	total now in Comm.	Bapd Adults	Infants	total	Missiony.	Comrs. fund	Educatn. fund	Theolol. Seminary
Rehoboth & Round hill	251	18	5	2	1		271	8	14	22	48:37½	3	3:17	96
Lauril hill & Tyrone	225	16	5	4	8	1	233	2	24	26		3	71	73
Brownsville & Dunlaps creek	187	10		1	7		189		32	32		5	2	40
Georges creek & Union	160	143	4	2	2		303	59	73	132				
Clarksburgh & French creek														
Jefferson & New providence														
Mt. pleasant & Sawickly	317	34	7	7	6		345	4	22	26	52:65	4:50	7:25	177
Long run & McKeesport	208	28	6	4	6		232	7	29	36	15	5:53		65
Greensburgh & Unity	293	14	2	1		1	307	1		1		6	2	
Somerset & Genner	28	30	13				71	2	19	21	:25		2	
Morgantown S. S.	70		22		4		88	3		3	3			
Middletown S. S.	22	4	2				28	3	12	15				
Uniontown S. S.	81	2	14		3		94		4	4	30			

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 oclock.
Concluded with prayer

Monday morning, P b y met according to adjournment. Members present as above, after prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr James Wilson read an exegesis on the subject assigned him at the last meeting of P.b.y, which was sustained as part of trials for licensure; & he was appointed to prepare a critical exercise on Jude 9th.

The Rev Alexander McCandles was appointed Comissioner to attend the next Genl Assembly, & the Rev Robert Henry his Alternate. Mr Joseph Baldridge Elder was appointed a commissioner to the next Genl Assembly.

Resolved that each Member of P b y supply one Sabbath at discretion previous to our next meeting.

The Rev Joseph Harper applied by letter for leave to itinerate out of bounds of this P b y untill their next stated meeting, which was granted.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to write to such members of P b y as may have neglected to attend for two stated meetings in succession, requiring them to attend the next meeting of P b y, or send their reasons in writing if unable to attend in person.

Rev James Gutherie was appointed to open P b y at their next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Rehoboth the 1st Tuesday of October next.
Concluded with prayer.

Rehoboth *October 4th.* 1831

P b y met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the Rev James Gutherie on Jer. 17. 7. Constituted with prayer.

Members present The Rev Messrs Robert Johnston, James Gutherie, Wm. Johnston, Ashbel Green Fairchild, Asa Brooks, Andrew Oliphant Patterson & Alexander McCandless. Elders, Messrs George Darr, John Lorrimore, John Blythe, William Nickson, Robert Fulton, Hugh Cambel & Joshua Hart. Absent TheRev Messrs George Venemon, Joseph Harper, Robert Henry & S. Howel Terry.

P b y proceeded to the choice of a Moderator & Clerk for the ensuing year, & the Rev Asa Brooks was chosen Moderator & the Rev A. G. Fairchild Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

The Rev Messrs A. G. Fairchild & Asa Brooks assigned reasons for non attendance at former meetings of P b y which were sustained.

Mr Joel Stoneroad a Licentiate from the P b y of New Brunswick, presented a certificate of his dismission from said P b y. & of his good & regular standing & desired to be taken under the care of this P b y: which was granted.

A call was presented to the P b y from the Congregation of Uniontown, for the ministerial labours of Mr Stoneroad in which they promised him 500 dollars per annum

After the usual enquiries, P b y being satisfied as to the regularity of the call, agreed to put it into his hands, of which he declared his acceptance.

P b y taking into consideration the recommendation of the last Genl. Assembly in relation to a correspondence of the Churches in the West on the subject of Missionary operations, & having in view the circular letter of the West-Lexington P b y, resolved to send delegates to the proposed convention to be held in Cincinnati on the 23d. of Novr next

Mr Adam Torrence requested to be dismissed from this P b y to put himself under the care of the P b y of Richland which was granted.

The Rev Cyrus B. Bristol, a Member of the P b y of Bedford, being present & invited, took his seat as a Corresponding member.

The Rev Alexander McCandless Commissioner to the last Genl Assembly reported that he had fulfilled his apt.

The Rev Messrs A. G. Fairchild & A. O. Patterson with Dr. Hugh Cambel were appointed a Committee to report instructions to the Delegates appointed to attend the Convention at Cincinnati

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 Oclock

Concluded with prayer

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

P.b.y. met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A reference in the case of James Stevenson and Isabella his wife, in which they were charged with unchristian conduct in absenting themselves from the ordinances of the Gospel, was presented to P b y from the session of Round-hill.

After hearing the records of the session in the case & due deliberation, P b y adjudged that the conduct of the accused is censurable, & that they recieve a rebuke & admonition from the session,& on their submission to this censure, the Session is advised to grant them a regular dismission if they request it, to any neighbouring Church they may choose.

The committee appointed to prepare instructions for the Delegates to the Cincinnati Convention presented a report, which was adopted & is as follows Viz

Whereas a difference of opinion & practice exists among the members of the Presbyterian Church in relation to the proper organ for conducting domestic missions, & as in the opinion of this P b y evils have arisen from the conflicting operation of the Genl Assembly's Board of Missions & the A. H. M. Society. And whereas the Genl. Assembly, at its last meeting, adopted the following resolution Viz

"That in view of existing evils arising from the separate action of the Assembly's Board of Missions & A. H. M. Society in the West. it be recommended to the Synods of Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, West-Tennessee, & the Presbyteries in the West connected with them, to correspond with one another, & devise a plan for carrying on Missions in the West, and report the result of their correspondence to the next Genl. Assembly it being understood that brethren in the West shall be left to adopt their own plan, & that any other Synods & Presbyteries, besides the above mentioned, in the Valey of the Mississippi, may be embraced in the correspondence if they desire to.

And whereas it is important that every P b y. should freely express their views on this important subject, & with a view to allay the excitement now existing, & also to preserve the identity & distinctive character of the Presbyterian Church—this P b y considers it highly important that their views should be fairly & fully expressed in the proposed Convention. Therefore Resolved

1st That it is expedient to appoint two delegates to attend the Convention to be held in Cincinnati on the 23d Novr next

2d That this P b y have full confidence in the board of Missions of the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as the regularly constituted organ of missionary operations, & deprecate a union with any irresponsible association or organized body, for conducting domestic Missions, not amenable to any Judicatory of our Church.

3d That in the view of this P.b.y. the efforts made to effect a union between the two Missionary Institutions is a chief cause of the unhappy excitement now existing in the Church. & if followed up, threatens it with increasing discord & division, & that peace & harmony are not likely to be restored except by abandoning all such efforts in future, & thus allowing each Institution to pursue its own course without impediment or interference on the part of the other.

4th. That the Delegates appointed to attend the convention be in-

structed to exert their influence to procure a decision of the convention in favour of the Assembly's Board of Missions, & that they oppose, with all their influence, whatever might tend to a union with any other body, not even concurring in a united Agency for conducting Missionary operations in the West.

5th That if the Delegates should fail to carry the last resolution into effect, & a majority of the Convention should adopt any measures with a view to favour a union with any other body, that they be instructed to enter their protest, accompanied with their objections.

6th. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish each Delegate with an attested copy of these resolutions.

7th That in case no one of the Delegates shall be able to attend, that the Stated Clerk be instructed to transmit a letter to the Convention, stating the views & wishes of this P b y as herein expressed: & that a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the Editors of the Presbyterian & the Christian Herald for publication.

P b y. proceeded to the choice of delegates to attend the Convention at Cincinnati, & the Rev A. O. Patterson was chosen, & the Rev. Robert Johnston his alternate, together with Mr Wm. Nickson Elder & Mr John Kennedy Duncan his alternate

Mr James Wilson read a critical exercise on the subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of trials for licensure; & he was appointed to prepare a homily on Romans 5. 19.

On motion resolved that the next stated meeting of P b y be at Lauril Hill.

Messrs John W Johnston & Bela Allen, each read an exegesis on the subject assigned him, both which were sustained as parts of trials for licensure.

Mr John F. Ewing obtained leave to travel without the bounds of this P b y for one year.

The Rev Joseph Harper requested by letter to be dismissed from this P b y. to join the P b y of Hartford, which was granted.

The inhabitants of Indian Creek presented a request to be taken on our list of vacancies & obtain such supplies as P b y could send them, which was granted.

A memorial from the Inhabitants of Connellsville was presented to P b y. praying to be organized into a Congregation, & also to obtain supplies, which was granted.

Resolved that each member of P b y. raise six dollars towards defraying the expences of the Delegates to the Cincinnati Convention.

Messrs Wm. Nickson. Nathl. Hurst, John Blythe & Robert Fulton obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of P b y.

Eph. 2d. 1—7. was assigned to Mr James Wilson as the subject of a lecture: & Hebrews 7. 1–3 to John W Johnston as the subject of a critical exercise. & Romans 9— 1–3 to Bela Allen

Rev Asa Brooks asked leave to resign the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of French creek. P b y. after hearing his reasons & the acquiessence of the Congn., granted his request, & he was appointed a stated supply at Clarksburgh untill the next stated meeting of P b y.

The Rev Robert Johnston was appointed to supply one Sabb. at Connelsville, Rev A. G. Fairchild, one Sabb. at Sandy Creek

Rev A. O. Patterson one Sabb at Connelsville.

Rev Asa Brooks one Sabb. at discretion. Mr Joel Stoneroad one Sabb. at Indian Creek.

Mr John F. Ewing one Sabbath at Indian Creek, & the Rev Messrs James Gutherie & Wm- Johnston were appointed to supply the pulpit of the Delegate to the Convention, each one day

Adjourned to meet in Pittsburgh on Friday the 21st Inst.

Concluded with prayer.

Pittsburgh *Oct.* 24. 1831

In Synod. Examined and approved thus far ——

D. Elliott Modr of Synod

Pittsburgh *October* 21 1831

P b y met according to adjournment. Constd. with prayer Members present. Rev Messrs Robert Johnston, James Gutherie. Ashbel G Fairchild & Alexr McCandless, with the Elders Alexr Johnston J. Kenedy Duncan & Joshua Hart.

Absent the Rev Messrs Wm Johnston, Asa Brooks, George Van. emmon. Robert Henry & S Howel Terry

P b y had a recess untill Monday at 2 o clock P. M. Monday 2 o clock P b y resumed business.

Mr Joel Stoneroad was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion, the Greek & Hebrew languages, Natural & Moral Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History & Church Government, & his answers were sustained as parts of trial for ordination

P b y agreed to ordain Mr Stoneroad on the 2d Wednesday of Decr. next & John 1. 29 was assigned him as the subject of a trial sermom for ordination. The Rev Robert Johnston was appointed to preach

on the occasion & the Rev James Gutherie to preside & give the charge.
Adjourned to meet in Uniontown on the 2d Tuesday of Decr. next
Concluded with prayer

Uniontown *Decr* 13 1831

P b y met according to adjournment. Members present The Rev Messrs Robert Johnston & Ashbel G. Fairchild.

There not being a quorum P b y adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 11 Oclock A. M

Wednesday morning P b y met & was constituted with prayer. Members present, the Rev Messrs Robert Johnston, James Gutherie & A. G. Fairchild, with the Elders John Forsyth, David A Sherrard, Eliel Freeman Charles Porter, Thomas Lewis & Gasper Orth.

The Rev C. B. Bristol from the P b y of Bedford & the Rev James Campbell from the P b y of Blairsville were present & being invited took their seats as corresponding members.

The written discourse delivered last evining by Mr Stoneroad, on the subject assigned him, was examined & sustained as part of trials for ordination.

Mr Joel Stoneroad having satisfactorily gone thro the several parts of trial prescribed by the Constitution, P b y proceeded to his ordination, & did by prayer & the imposition of the hands of the P b y, solemnly ordain and set him apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry and installed him the regular Pastor of the Congregation of Uniontown— The Rev Robert Johnston Preached on the occasion & the Rev James Gutherie presided & gave the charge.

The Congregation of Round hill thro their Commissioner stated to P b y, that in Consequence of deaths and removals, they were unable to meet their obligation to the Rev Robert Johnston their Pastor, & therefore requested to be released from that obligation. Mr Johnston having expressed his acquiescence, it was

On motion resolved that the request be granted, & the Pastoral relation between him and the Congregation of Round hill is hereby dissolved. In compliance with the request of said Congregation, Mr Johnston was appointed their Stated Supply untill the next stated meeting of P b y.

On motion resolved that it be earnestly recommended to the members of P b y, hereafter to attend the stated meetings with the expectation of remaining three days in session with the view of employing the time not occupied in Presbyterial business, in preaching & such other religious exercises as may be deemed most profitable to the Congregations in which they meet.

The Rev Robert Johnston was appointed to open the next meeting of P b y with a sermon

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